

Episode 302 - TD30 - Epicurus and Roads Paved With Good Intentions

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This week we continue covering Cicero's "Tusculan Disputations" from an Epicurean perspective. We will wrap up several loose ends from last week, complete [Section XX](#), and move forward into XXI.

The loose ends we need to cover are:

1 - Last week we spoke about the difficulty of taking sides in arguments where both sides claim the best of intentions, and even *the same* intention. This week let's take up the problem of how to proceed with both sides do in fact have good intentions, and let's talk about how to get off the "road to hell" that is paved with good intentions.

2 - We'll extend our discussion from disputes about pleasure to disputes about pain in looking at Cicero's final comment: "*But suppose we are mistaken as to his pleasure, are we so too as to his pain? I maintain therefore the impropriety of language which that man uses when talking of virtue, who would measure every great evil by pain?*"

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