

Sunday November 9, 2025 - Zoom Discussion 12:30 PM EST - Epicurus on Good And Evil

Post by “DaveT” of November 11, 2025 at 8:47 AM

[Quote from Don](#)

I'm not sure what you mean by "hard to measure."

I was thinking it is hard to restrain yourself, the temptation is always "just a little bit more"

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Again, I don't think a stereotypical Epicurean is going to cheat on their taxes or lie for lying's sake because the Epicurean is going to have that nagging doubt about getting caught.

Here, respectfully, perhaps we are both so deep in our opinions neither can offer a generalized proof. I only speak from my experience, and aside from major antisocial actions that overwhelmingly will be discovered immediately, or sooner or later, the fear of being caught is by and large written off as "who will know?" And those kinds of secretive actions, are ones that are pervasive, and corrosive on an interpersonal or communal level. After all, the major Abrahamic religions to my knowledge rely on an all seeing god, who never misses a thing you think or do to enforce societal norms punishable in eternity. And even then, people cheat, or lie when they judge that the consequences to them outweigh the negative effects on other individuals, family, or community.

A true Epicurean to me is a worthy idea to try to emulate, but even one such as they (a rarity in a real world) must sometimes make zero sum decisions where there are "winners" and "losers".