

How can writing a will be justified in Epicureanism?

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As is typical I find a good article after making a post.

If anyone else is interested in this question I found a good article by Bill Wringe called "*Epicurean Wills, Empty Hopes, and the Problem of Post Mortem Concern*" which responds directly to Warren and defends Epicureanism. I think it rightly points that difference that only harmful empty beliefs are to be removed but hopeful ones not so much.

"I shall claim that although an Epicurean should regard fears about post mortem events as 'empty', it is reasonable for him or her to have a different attitude to hopes about post mortem events. It is rational to try to get rid of empty fears, since such fears are disturbing. By contrast, it is not necessarily rational to try to rid ourselves of hopes relating to post mortem events."