

Should Epicurus be viewed as a pure consequentialist, virtue ethicist, or both?

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Yeah you all have convinced me, I was already a little unsure about posting this.

But yeah I'm probably letting the societal praise of virtue ethics cloud my view of these texts. To be honest the main reason I liked Epicurus was that I felt he was the only one who could ground virtue in anything real, unlike Stoics and Aristotle who I liked but couldn't accept their view of virtue in of itself, and probably letting that overemphasize how important virtue is for Epicurus.