

Welcome Max Duboff

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... there being no mystery to setting out total absence of pain / perfect pleasure as the theoretical goal, as that conclusion is clearly and logically compelled by the two feelings doctrine, in the same way that the observation that everything in the universe is ultimately composed of bodies and space rules out the presence of supernatural gods.

Ahh, but Epicurus seems to be saying that a blessed life is attainable, and a blessed life is marked by the absence of pain. He's not merely saying that the absence of pain is a goal that we'll never reach (Men. 135 seems pretty clear on this). So we need to explain how, whatever his understanding of the absence of pain/blessed life is, real people can reach it.