

# Exchange With A Stoic (Donald Robertson) on "Engagement" and Pleasure vs. Virtue

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a fundamental ignorance, willful or otherwise, of EP

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useful starting point for discussion with Stoics and their ilk

Both those thoughts go together I think. I completely agree with your post, Godfrey, but at the level we are talking about most of the people involved (at least the leaders like Robertson) IMHO have to fall under the "willful" category. This whole issue is not rocket science - it should not be hard for them to name the authority to which they are appealing if they are rejecting "feeling" as that authority. And I guess in fact they don't find it hard, they just dress up "their opinion" (which is their authority) in all sorts of high-sounding appeals to "worthiness" or "nobility" or "virtue" or whatever, all of which has absolutely no provable foundation other than their own insistence that everyone should share their opinion of it.

It's really maddening.