

Epicurean Freedom. Enslavement by culture. The mob.

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I like what you wrote. Or better said, I like how I feel, when I consider what your wrote, in support of [PD39](#). Considering that seems to wake me (the "divine" animal in me) up.

Yep that is the way I see the issue too. In terms of waking up "the divine animal" to me there is nothing more effective than to consider that this short span of time is all we have to experience all the pleasure we'll ever experience. That's the antidote to the lethargy brought about by religion and the idea of eternal life -- religion is indeed the opiate of the people. At that's why it alternately amuses me and enrages me when I read the argument the Epicurean philosophy is all about retiring from the world and avoiding pain.

Short of Christianity and the havoc it has wreaked on the civilized world for 2000 years (and I am following Nietzsche / Antichrist here) I can't think of an idea more sweepingly perverse and "evil" than the suggestion that "avoiding pain" should be the sum total of life. If Christianity ever loses its force and the forces of conformity can rely on it no longer, I would expect as major resurgence of the idea that "avoiding pain" is the goal of life -- and I suspect that explains the blessings given by Imperial Rome to Stoicism in the ancient world, and the endorsement given to modern Stoicism today by large parts of the secular "establishment" today.