

General Thoughts on "Truth" (At least in terms of Justice)

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= justice is always RELATIVE and specific to the people and circumstances.

Also, "absolute justice" seems to imply authority, which emerges from people's willful interactions with each other and their writing of laws. The assumption of (arbitrary) external or eternal authority without the context of our rules and laws are written / agreed to, loses sight of the relativity of justice.

Concerning this,

Quote

It seems to me that the Epicurean answer to that is that "truth" to us is that which we perceive through our senses, and through our faculty of pleasure and pain (which aren't strictly the same thing as the senses), and our faculty of "preconceptions/anticipations."

When I studied the Cyrenaics and I got to the part where Lampe identified their radical subjectivism, which I label "hedonic solipsism", it occurred to me that one way in which E countered that is by adding the physics to the ethics, but he did not do away with the pleasure/pain experience as "true".

What this means is that there is the recognition of objective (physical) reality as well as subjective (emotional, feeling) reality. That they are both "true" and REAL, *in different ways*. And in ways that matter to philosophy.

(This same criticism applies to Buddhism, which teaches that all is mind, and to Nietzsche even who claims that all truth is subjective and relative)