

# On "Happiness" As An Abstraction / "Pleasure" As a Feeling

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Epicurus' core teaching about death is that it is "nothing" to us. This is essential. If what awaited us beyond the grave was eternal torment, no amount or length of pleasure would be adequate to keep us happy.

I particularly agree with that Joshua, even though not everyone might think this is essential. I personally see this as very similar to specific positions on the nature of the gods, and on the eternality / infinity issue. Not everyone is going to feel the same way, but my personal bet is that 80% of the world would never even entertain a philosophy-of-life seriously unless it took a position on these questions.