

Tactical Question for the Group Re Terminology In Discussing Reason and Logic

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Would the topics for a live conference be:

(1) the pleasure of music (2) the pleasure of smooth motion, (3) the pleasure of food, and (4) why pleasure is more important than logic and reason?

Or would the topics be:

(1) the universe was not created by a supernatural god but is eternal, (2) the universe is infinite in space so there is no room for a supernatural god, (3) matter cannot be divided forever, and the elemental particles are the source of stability and repeatability, (4) he who says he knows nothing is a trifler and perverse, and (5) Epicurean logic and reasoning are based on evidence from the components of the canon, which is why it is the best kind.

The laconic answer by Epicurus that excludes all the dilemmas of "either or" by Aristotle is : "I say, BOTH of the above"!

And from Epicurus letter to Pythocles and why I insist to be carefull with the usage of hellenic words.

"μάλιστα δὲ σεαυτὸν ἀπόδος εἰς τὴν τῶν ἀρχῶν"

And most of all give yourself up to the study (την των αρχών) i.e. of the first principles....

what Epicurus really means with of our **"first principles"** that **"nothing comes from nothing" and the things akin to them?**

He could mean, most of all give yourself up to the study of the axiom/principle of the law of conservation of energy and the theory of the special relativity showed that mass is related to energy and vice versa by $E = mc^2$ i.e. the mass-energy as a whole is conserved.

<< καὶ ἀπειρίας καὶ τῶν συγγενῶν τούτοις θεωρίαν>>

and of the "infinity" and of the things akin to them...

The greek word "ἀπειρία" (infinity) does not mean actually only something related with the eternity (time) and without boundaries (space). It means also of something that is without (a) +(experience) [α+πειρία] i.e. something that is not testified by the experience through the senses/feelings/facts/space time.

And if something that is not testified by the experience it's similar to the nothing. Outside the big bang and outside the facts of the space time was the nothing.

Please, do not make so much efforts to understand what Epicurus meant. The 93% of what Epicurus said along with Leucippus, Democritus and Lucretius are proved by the science day by day. The terminology may change but the principles are the same how the Cosmos/Cosmi are creating.

Please, my friends keep patient on waiting what would be the theory that will testified by the experiments, as I would like to give you a friendly admonition : Please first organize among you personal meetings to be known better to each other and be saved by each other, and leave as a second choice the conferences and the symposia in public. Because if you want to give a credence to my experience of the symposia in Athens, that friends of Thessaloniki and Athens met in person once a year... The results of all the conferences and the symposia in public became a whole mess.

Pleasure is the goal!

Thanks 😊