

Episode Fifty-Five - Reason Is Dependent On The Senses (Part 2)

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Great Stuff! Certainly we distinguish between (1) *what is technically visible but too distant for us to observe*, (2) *what we can observe* and (3) *what is unobservable*. Here is KD 24 from a somewhat different angle.

Εἴ τι ν' ἐκβαλεῖς ἀπλῶς αἴσθησιν καὶ μὴ διαιρήσεις τὸ δοξαζόμενον κατὰ τὸ προσμένον καὶ τὸ παρὸν ἤδη κατὰ τὴν αἴσθησιν καὶ τὰ πάθη καὶ πᾶσαν φανταστικὴν ἐπιβολὴν τῆς διανοίας, συνταράξεις καὶ τὰς λοιπὰς αἰσθήσεις τῇ ματαίῳ δόξῃ, ὥστε τὸ κριτήριον ἅπαν ἐκβαλεῖς. εἰ δὲ βεβαιώσεις καὶ τὸ προσμένον ἅπαν ἐν ταῖς δοξαστικαῖς ἐννοίαις καὶ τὸ μὴ τὴν ἐπιμαρτύρησιν, οὐκ ἐκλείψεις τὸ διεψευσμένον: ὡς τετηρηκῶς ἔση πᾶσαν ἀμφισβήτησιν κατὰ πᾶσαν κρίσιν τοῦ ὀρθῶς ἢ μὴ ὀρθῶς.

"if You reject even one sensation and will not separate

(1) *a theory about what is still pending*

versus (2) *what is actually present according sensation, feelings, or the whole visual focus of the mind:*

then you will disturb the remaining senses with empty thought

as you will reject the whole basis of judgment.

also if You affirm

(1) *all that which is still pending in theoretical concepts*

along with (2) *that which is not pending confirmation:*

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...you will not avoid error

since you will have retained all doubt

regarding all judgment of what is true or not true."

(1) τὸ προσμένον ἅπαν ἐν ταῖς δοξαστικαῖς ἐννοίαις "all that which is still pending [confirmation] regarding theoretical concepts" is equivalent to τὸ δοξαζόμενον κατὰ τὸ προσμένον 'a theory about what is still pending' (both of which are explaining τὸ δοξαζόμενον), as in the common observation of the distant square tower.