

Is There A Relationship Between "Anticipations" and "Instinct"?

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Just let me be clear on this point: I'm still very much in the evaluation phase myself on some of these issues. Plus you can add to that the point that I fully expect to be still in the evaluation phase on many of them on the day they haul me off to the funeral home!

I especially think that "instincts" needs further research that is far beyond our (certainly my) ability to really come up with hard data on, so that's probably going to have to be one of those long-term issues that we talk about for quite a long time.

As to Cicero, I tend to think that we can trust him when the points he raises are not slanderous toward Epicurus, and I don't detect that Cicero really had a problem with the "etching" suggestion. It's when Epicurus' views seemed to hold Cicero back from his politics and military glory-seeking that we probably need to look at him most suspiciously.

All of these are issues on which I do not profess to know "the answer" so we'll likely continue to debate them as long as we live, which hopefully will be quite a while longer!

Gosh I wrote this entire post thinking I was talking to Don and now I see I'm talking to Godfrey 😊 Don's lined up to get my two cents every Sunday as we go through Lucretius, as to you Godfrey we've got to find a way to translate all of your detailed research into some forms of "presentation" to the outside world too!