

Some Epicurean conclusions

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I'm not an expert, but it seems obvious to me that these ethical conclusions follow from Epicurean principles:

1. Being absolutely mortal, I have no stake in the future.

...Though I count myself an admirer of Epicurus, unlike others I find his philosophy deeply pessimistic...

It's the exact opposite. In [Vatican Saying 48](#), the founders of this School said:

While we are on the road, we must try to make what is before us better than what is past; when we come to the road's end, we feel a smooth contentment.

And Norman DeWitt said: "the unplanned life is not worth living". We plan for our future LIFE to sculpt it as one that is filled with pleasures, not for a posited afterlife.

As for death, the most complete summary of the ethical repercussions of our teachings was given by Philodemus, and I comment on them here:

<http://societyofepicurus.com/reasonings-abo...demus-on-death/>