




On Malte Hossenfelder's book "Epikur"

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Stoics vs. Epicurean philosophy:

<h2 style="text-align: center;">Epicurean vs. Stoic</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">A Comparison Chart With Citations To Sources In The Ancient Texts (see also a Comparison Chart on The Goal of Life)</p>		
Issue	Epicurean Philosophy	Stoicism
		
<p>Does "truth" exist? If so, how is it defined, is it attainable, and how? What is the role of reason in the affairs of men?</p>	<p>Truth is that which can be established with clarity by the senses, the anticipations, and the sense of pain and pleasure. On some matters, determination of truth is not possible, and we must be satisfied with acknowledging that a number of natural causes of events are possible. Reason is extremely valuable, but it relies on and is dependent on the senses for the verification of truth. There is no other dimension of ideal forms which constitute a higher truth to which reason alone has access, nor is elaborate syllogistic reasoning the key to truth.^{1A}</p>	<p>Truth is accessible to men only, if at all, through dialectical reason and the use of syllogisms (Logic). Reason is not dependent on senses; those who know how to reason properly may establish through logic and syllogisms, independently of and in contradiction to the information provided by the senses.^{1B}</p>
<p>What is the goal of human life? Is this goal attainable? What is the nature and value of "Pleasure"? (see also a Comparison Chart on The Goal of Life)</p>	<p>The goal of life is to live a life of pleasure. To suggest that virtue is the goal of life is empty and vain. The goal of pleasurable living is attainable by choosing and avoiding intelligently, and by doing so a life of continuous pleasure is possible. Work to control your life. Pursue happiness. Spit upon "the beautiful" if it does not bring pleasure.^{2A}</p>	<p>The goal of life is to live a life of "virtue." Virtue should be pursued only those things which are under one's control, which are our own actions. Do not attempt to shape your life; accept your own actions. Do not laugh much. The good is "beautiful." Pleasure is neither useful, a contamination to be shunned. Reason tells us what to pursue.^{2B}</p>

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[A Comparison Chart: Stoic vs. Epicurean Philosophy](#)

This chart comparing the major features of Stoicism vs Epicurean philosophy is a continuing work in progress! It is currently hosted at a Google Docs page to make editing easier. Feel free to make comments and suggestions in [the Forum thread associated with this article](#). Click on this link to go to the chart: [Reference: Comparison Chart of Epicurean and Stoic Views](#)



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