

Why Tranquility Should Not Be the Main Goal for an Epicurean

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I will not do a tranquility table of comparison after-all. But there is this difference between Epicurus and the Stoics:

Epicurus -- the happy person will be unperturbed.

Stoics -- the sage will be unperturbable: nothing that happens can possibly bring him any trouble.

Quote

"I will argue that tranquility was in fact not a serious contender for the position of ultimate good in ancient times"

Epicurus: "As he was known, he was a hedonist, who believed that the good, for humans at least, is pleasure, and therefore the best life must be the most pleasant."

From Gisela Striker article:

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