

# 2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

As Diogenes of Oinoanda stated it, we accept that the flux exists, but not that it is so fast that we can't come to grips with it!

I find this an interesting parallel to the concept of the [Buddhist Two Truths](#), "conventional" truth and "ultimate" truth.

The Buddhist version goes "Provisional or conventional truth describes our daily experience of a concrete world, and Ultimate truth describes the ultimate reality as *sunyata*, empty of concrete and inherent characteristics."

From my perspective, the Epicurean version goes something like "Provisional or conventional truth describes our daily experience of a concrete world, and Ultimate truth describes the ultimate reality as consisting of only atoms and void." There are only *\*really\** atoms and void but that doesn't negate or make it any less important that we are alive, we make decisions, our decisions have consequences, and we can live a pleasurable life. But, in the *\*ultimate\** analysis, we are simply momentary aggregates of atoms moving in the void.