

2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

Post by "Don" of January 28, 2022 at 9:52 PM

[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

Which brings up the idea that Epicureanism may work best for people with a strong and healthy physical constitution

According to DeWitt (and some ancient sources?), Epicurus himself suffered from ill health and (according to DeWitt) had to be taken back and forth from home to the Garden in a 3-wheeled cart/chair.

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Unless there is some allowance for the pleasure of release from pain

I think that's supposed to be the intent of the last two lines of the Tetrapharmakos:

Quote

On the one hand, the good [pleasure] is easily obtained;
On the other, the terrible (pain) is easily endured.

But the last line has to be understood to include chronic pain in that, even then, some pleasure can be "easily" found if one looks for it and also remembers past pleasures.