

Episode One Hundred Thirteen - Letter to Herodotus

02 - Principles of Thinking

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One of the issues that came up in this podcast goes beyond some of our prior discussions of syllogisms and propositional logic.

This section of Epicurus makes the transition from discussing how we make decisions about things we can observe with our senses versus those things that are not perceptible to our senses.

We quickly discovered that it is not so easy to describe the reasoning that is involved.

Is it "deductive"? If so, what are examples?

Is it "inductive"? If so, what are examples?

Is it both? If so, what are examples and how do we distinguish?

Do we need either term "deductive" or "inductive"?

Is this related to references to "comparison" and "analogy" in Torquatus' narrative?

How is this related to Philodemus' work known variously as "On Signs" or "On Methods of Inference"?

These are issues that need to be readily articulable, and this episode will give us a chance to discuss this.