

Welcome Kungi!

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I think this is the most practical/applied difference between Stoicism and Epicureanism, at least in the modern world.

Which may be deceptively simple at first glance, but is really about as different as can be:

It's the difference between (1) the virtues have absolute meanings that are the same for all people, all places, and at all times, versus (2) the virtues have no meaning except contextually as they represent tools or activities to be engaged in for the sake of pleasant living.

The Stoics and similar would probably say that (2) means "you don't believe in virtue at all!" but I don't think that's a fair criticism: Epicurus just has a perspective on virtue that is logically consistent with what he has identified as the ultimate goal - living pleasantly - and it's the Stoics whose view mutates "virtue" into "doing what the gods have established to be done."