

Response to Pain; Positive Thinking ? Comparision with Cynics and (modern) Stoics

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Could we not recoil from vice and long for virtue, like the young Alcibiades touched by Socrates' teachings? In the ancient texts, the answer to this question seems to be no. In the few passages I've been able to find where that interesting door is opened a crack, it's immediately shut again. The Stoics reasoned, perhaps, that morally imperfect people don't really have access to the attitudes and feelings of wisdom. Even our best ideas and efforts are still susceptible to error. The joys and sorrows of our present state must be quite different from what a perfect mind would experience.