

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

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His conclusion? Dispassionate living IS happiness:.

Quote

..thoughts, perhaps, about being calm and focused on what you're trying to achieve; thoughts about your own abilities and the things you can control; thoughts about fairness, courage, intelligence, and strength. Dispassionate living is all of that; and if the ancient philosophers we've looked at here have it right at all, then it's happiness as well.

This comes awfully close to a denunciation of pleasure and to what amounts to wishing one had never had to endure any pleasure at any cost - and from the Epicurean perspective of pleasure as the goal of life it is as much of a denunciation of "humanity" as any form of eastern religion.