

Maslow's hierarchy of needs

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Thanks for the response.

So all levels could be compatible with Epicurean Philosophy (EP), it depends on the content.

And not just only "things/objects" could be desired but also " fulfilling activities".

So values as "self-sufficiency" and even character traits and virtue or virtuous action can be desired when it brings pleasure.

This I thought in the past would be rejected in EP.

But when I include such things and broaden my horizon of pleasure, than many objections against EP fall apart.

For example the often discussed pleasure machine/pill idea:

I would reject it because living a real life with self-sufficiency, agency, freedom, possibility to use virtue, real friends, real experiences and fulfilling activities gives real, sustainable, more and reliable pleasure.