

Kalosyni's Personal Epicurean Outline

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The thing I really like about the idea of outlining is that it sort of forces you to confront the "how" of how you are organizing thoughts. You have to have a context and a theory in order to make it make sense.

For example I see the term "top-level item" used in outlining to discuss starting points,

In this version, I suppose the top level items would be:

1 - The Life of Epicurus

2 - The Philosophy

So the basic structure is that you're breaking things down into those two categories.

Then under philosophy you have:

A. Cosmology

B. Epistemology

C. Ethics

And then the great weight of the outline is under Ethics as:

1. Pleasure is the natural innate goal of human (and animal) life

2. The Tetracharmakos

3. Correct Understanding of Justice

4. A Pleasurable and Content Life

With Item 4 being the great weight of that section.

I am just thinking out loud about the process. I wonder if an outline needs a sort of topic sentence forward to describe how it is organized before the organization actually starts. Is the outline: (1) How I Think I Should Live? or (2) The Important Aspects of Epicurus, or (3) What I Would Say To A Friend About Epicurus If I Only Had Five Minutes ... or something like that.

So we've been talking about this section as "Personal Outlines of Epicurean Philosophy" but maybe that's too broad of a title? What makes sense as a way of putting the goal of the outline out there with clarity?