

Did Epicurus Commit Suicide Due To His Disease? (Merger of Two Threads On When Voluntary Death Makes Sense)

Post by "Don" of December 7, 2022 at 11:52 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

you are taking the position that suicide is never warranted for an Epicurean?

I'm not sure I'm saying that, especially in light of modern medical intervention that can continue physical existence but not provide quality of life. Right now, I'm neither saying nor not saying suicide is never an option for an Epicurean. I (think) I am saying I'm not seeing any advocacy for suicide as a viable option in any of the texts.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

So that while you might choose to die "for a friend" you would never choose to die "for yourself"?

I think that's an apple and orange argument. To me, the reason you would "die for a friend" is that if the friend dies and you *could* have saved them, you have to live with that pain for the remainder of your life. I don't think that's applicable to the discussion of whether suicide is an option as an end of life decision.