

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

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There have to be some Epicurean criteria or some "essential" (I don't like the word but I'll use it) doctrines by which one lives their life to be considered an Epicurean. Otherwise the word has no meaning.

The problem here, Don, is that there is no "one" - no generalized person. There is me, and you, as we try to apply Epicurean teachings to better our lives - not in adherence to some exogenous "truth" (no matter wherefrom derived) whether it is personally helpful or not.

So, yes, it's possible (maybe probable) that I don't measure up to some criteria required to be a "True Epicurean™" in someone's eyes, or some "authoritative" version. Okay. Not a problem for me.

I really don't think we can get beyond that, much as it might be tempting to try. 😊❤️