

PD01 - Gratitude and Weakness (Especially In Relation to the Gods)

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One more thing -- I think that last observation from the paper is the key to understanding PD5 and Epicurus' whole position on virtue. [PD05](#) isn't the way to accommodate Epicurus to Stoicism and reconcile them as similar, it's the way - by explaining the totally different perspectives on virtue - to show how drastically incompatible they are.

"It is impossible to live a pleasant life without living wisely and well and justly, and it is impossible to live wisely and well and justly without living pleasantly. Whenever any one of these is lacking, when, for instance, the man is not able to live wisely, though he lives well and justly, it is impossible for him to live a pleasant life." Hicks (1925)