

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

Post by "Cassius" of May 10, 2023 at 9:22 AM

I took the liberty of clarifying Nate's thread title so it will be more easily findable in the future by adding "(Especially In Relation to the Gods)" to indicate that we are talking mostly about the issue of gratitude in relation to divinity.

Nate if you prefer another way of expressing that please feel free to rename it again. Seems like in the future it will be easier to find if it references these issues as related to the divinity question.

I also want to link here a new thread I am starting that stems from this discussion but would take it too far afield ---

Thread

[Epicurus And Pleasure As The Awareness Of Smooth Motion](#)

I have been meaning to post this for a while, but the recent thread on the nature of the gods ([link here](#)) causes me to post this now, but separately, so as not to derail that thread.

It seems to me as we've previously discussed a few times, but not at length, that it is entirely possible (and maybe probable or definite, I just haven't examined the sources on this recently) that Epicurus agreed with the Cyreniac position that pleasure is intimately related to (constitutes?) the concept of "smooth...



Cassius

May 10, 2023 at 9:18 AM

I think here in this thread we continue to talk about the main topic of how the gratitude issue with gods and humans plays into practical conclusions.

In the other thread I'd like to start a discussion that goes in a different direction, first going back into questioning to what extent Epicurus endorsed the view that Diogenes Laertius attributes to the Cyreniacs as viewing pleasure related to "smooth motion." I would like to be able to cite whether Democritus had a view on that, but at the moment I don't know. That's a topic for the other thread.