

Does the philosophy change you?

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I was talking with [Cassius](#) about some of my readings in religion. I have a fascination with religious philosophies, in particular the "philosophical proofs" of the existence of God. There are several and when I've read them I've found them compelling. (Aristotle's prime mover for example). I know some here will think that is silly.

The difficulty I had is that even if I accept the arguments and decide "yes, God exists", my experience of being is unchanged. I am still just me living life and motivated to make it as pleasant as possible.

So I thought I recalled a quote from Epicurus that addressed this. Something about one's experience of life is not being improved by a philosophy, rendering it useless.

Thoughts? I don't want to debate Aristotle, religion, God, etc. That was merely the context for my question. Does the philosophy change you? Or perhaps it is better posed as "does the philosophy change your experience of being"?