

Modern Neuroscience And The Katastematic / Kinetic Debate

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I would say that “atoms” (subatomic particles, energy, space, etc. – the basic physics of the universe and the combinations that define our world: emerging molecules, neuro-chemical processes, etc.) are **the fundamental facts of the case. Such facts are neither good nor bad - they just are.**

Such things as consciousness, *pathe*, the ability to choose, etc. are **emergent phenomena** from those fundamental facts that are facets of what it means to be a human being.

Talk of “the good” is ethical discourse (which is not the same as Stoical/Kantian/Christian moralistic discourse). And so, the “highest good” remains *eudaimonia* – which, from an Epicurean perspective, is defined by *hedone/aponia/ataraxia*.

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I realize there are a number of etc.s. in this post: I am not a scientist. 🤔 😞 ... etc. ...