

Would You Rather Live For A Week As (1) Epicurus During the Last Week of His Life or (2) An Anonymous Shepherd Laying In The Grass In The Summertime With No Pain At All?

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I've often interpreted [PD09](#) to mean that a pleasurable feeling is a pleasurable feeling. Condensing all or every pleasure implies that's possible... Or does it? That "if" could be doing the same work as in [PD10](#). IF x was possible, then y. But IF x isn't possible, y isn't possible. Maybe [PD09](#) is actually saying that all pleasures do differ from each other!

[PD09](#), 10, and 11 all start out with ϵ "if..."

- If every pleasure were condensed...
- If the things that produce the delights of those who are profligate...
- If our suspicions about astronomical phenomena and about death were nothing to us...

Those "if's..." imply to me that those IF's are counterfactual! Those if's are not actually possible. That sets to a whole different vibe for each of those 3 PDs.