

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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Hypothetical Question: You have one week to live and two choices about how to spend that time, which you will spend in 300 BC. Would You Rather Live For A Week in 300 BC as: (A) Epicurus During the Last Week of His Life, or (B) An Uneducated Shepherd Laying In The Grass In The Summertime With No Pain At All? Presumptions: (1) Epicurus was in sharp pain but otherwise in control of his faculties. (2) You will actually "be" that person and know what that person knows and feel what that person feels. (3) At the end of the week you will be dead no matter which choice you make.

I would rather live for that week as Epicurus. 0% >

I would rather live for that week as the Uneducated. Shepherd 0% >

What a ridiculous question! Of course I would rather live for that week as the Shepherd in no pain because that's the height of pleasure! 0% >

What a ridiculous question! Of course I would rather live for that week with the joy Epicurus had even in his last sickly week! 0% >

I'm not sure and maybe you should ask Philodemus or Siro. 0% >

I don't answer hypotheticals! 0% >

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I see for the literate among us I should have written " [Alea iacta est](#)"