

A Draft of A Pie Chart Presentation of Basic Concepts In Epicurean Pleasure

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[Quote from Don](#)

That said, I realize you want the textual citations to back you up, but putting the ideas there "in everyday language" might be better for a general audience?

That's always part of the issue, isn't it:

Simplify or paraphrase too much on controversial material and it's easy to dismiss the paraphrase as arbitrary opinion about what Epicurus said. Even the material here, which ought to be basic, is where all the interpretation battles take place.

Include the full original text (especially with explanation) and things turn into a wall of words (which apparently didn't stop Diogenes of Oinoanda!)

It's going to take creativity to come up with a good mix, and like you said Don probably need one presentation for new students and one for regulars. This one sort of comes down in the middle of those two.

All these experiments hopefully will help us think of new and better presentations.