

Welcome BrainToBeing

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As Don said, great first post and thanks for taking time to talk with us.

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Rather, in my opinion, it gives us insight into what may be concluded based on the information they had, versus what can be concluded based on the information we have. And, it puts into focus the importance of education which is focused on perspectives rather than just small facts.

Yes it's amazing to follow their thought processes and realize that they were able to reach so many good conclusions based on the limited information that they had.

To me Epicurean philosophy is particularly interesting due to its "materialist" perspective that looks for answers in understandable phenomena rather than abstracted "logic" that frequently gets divorced from the reality of the biological organism. One example we've been discussing recently is the question of the relationship of the "senses" to the feeling of pleasure and pain (as well as to the mechanism of prolepsis/anticipations that Epicurus also considered). Cicero attacked Epicurus alleging that Epicurus was relying solely on the senses to conclude that "pleasure" is the goal of life, but given that the Epicurean standard of what is true and real includes not only the five senses but also the faculty of pleasure/pain and the faculty of anticipations, it seems like there was much more to Epicurus' analysis than the simple contention that eyes or ears themselves - without further connections - judge what is pleasurable or painful.

Anyway that's just one recent discussion. Thank you for dropping in, and though our community isn't huge we have good number of sincere people who are interested in these discussions, so feel free to post whenever you see or think of something interesting.