

Welcome BrainToBeing

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Thanks all. There is a lot we could all talk about from many, many perspectives - depending upon where the interests are.

Here is one reference that has interesting implications, and might be a topic of discussion - if you have not already discussed it to your sufficiency: "all good and all evil come to us through sensation". While there is a lot of wisdom in this statement, it needs consideration in this era - or at least definition. If "sensation" is a proxy for "thinking" then perhaps the statement still holds (though the bounty of nature would still stand as challenge vis a vis "good" coming from the planet). Alternatively, if "sensation" is held to be derivatives of sensing then we have problems.

For example, we now know about genetics. And, the old theory of "tabula rasa" is clearly wrong, as we may evidently appreciate in behavioral genetics. Thus, some good and some evil come to us through genetics and our behaviors derived thereof. This is particularly relevant in this era because it is our behaviors derived from dispositions as an apex predator that now perplex our future. Only if "sensation" is taken to include evolutionary concepts does the Epicurean perspective hold in light of today's knowledge. Going a step further, both good and evil come from thinking beyond sensation (what Daniel Kahneman would call "type 2 thinking").

So, while the quotation of Epicurus reveals important insight, new information requires amplification of the discussion. Or, so it seems to me.

I don't know if any of this is of interest to any of you. It is to me because I'm very interested in the course of the planet under our tutelage, and it is our behaviors which will determine that.

Best to you all.