

Welcome BrainToBeing

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"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.

I agree with [Godfrey](#) . Plus there's also Principle Doctrine 2:

"[Death is nothing to us](#), for that which is dissolved into its elements is without consciousness, and that which is without consciousness is nothing to us."

That seems fairly uncontroversial to me.

ἀναίσθητος = conveys "unconscious, insensate, unfeeling; senseless"

I would also add that, as I understand it, "good" and "evil" only have relevance in Epicurean philosophy as "that which brings pleasure" and "that which brings pain," respectively.

As to the "tabula rasa," I completely agree that notion is outdated. I think the Epicurus's idea of prolepses addresses this, predispositions at pattern recognition are inborn. Many of us go back to the psychology experiments with babies, toddlers, and animals in awe and fairness, for example.