

# What If Anything Has Changed About Human Nature In the Last 2000 Years?

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## [Quote from Godfrey](#)

Epicurean Canon: sensations, anticipations and feelings. First, are there any new faculties in addition to these three that have arisen in the last 2000 years

[Godfrey](#) In my opinion, yes. Before explaining I admit that people can define these three any way they like. So, these three terms can be defined in such a way that, by definition, they are totally inclusive. Thus, by definition, no cognition is outside of them. However, in the current era we would not define these terms with that obligation.

I would interpret sensations to reference derivatives of the senses and sensory information. I would interpret anticipations to reference expectations derived from experience. And, I would interpret feelings to reference emotions derived from sensations, interpretations and thought.

With those perspectives then I don't think those three cover beliefs or values. Beliefs are, IMO, overarching views of how the world works and how we work within it. Values are, IMO, constraints on perspectives and actions. Values entice certain behaviors within the framework of personal values, and restrict actions that are inconsistent with personal values. Both of these cognitive frameworks are very important guides of behavior. And, I do not see them as included within sensations, anticipations, or values - as framed above. I do note that we use the word "anticipate" to frame an expectation - a preconceived notion of what might occur. If "anticipations" is broadened to mean "something derived from thought, or even genetics" then the above discussion may not apply.

Please note that I essentially never dive into these philosophical points to this depth in any other conversations. I only do it here because you all are up to the task; and, by your involvement here, you demonstrate that you have interest in such depth of conjecture.

Rebuttal always welcome!