

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

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With those perspectives then I don't think those three cover beliefs or values.

The canon (feelings, anticipations, sensations), the epistemology of Epicurean philosophy, by definition, doesn't include beliefs and values. The canonic faculties, according to Epicurus, provide "pre-rational" data from which beliefs arise. And also according to Epicurean philosophy, there are beliefs built on solid foundations and there are "empty" beliefs such as the belief that the gods care how we conduct our lives.

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Beliefs are, IMO, overarching views of how the world works and how we work within it.

I see no problem with that definition.

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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.

What are "values" other than those honorable, just, and noble acts an individual does that also give them pleasure (ie, satisfaction to echo a previous post). The "guides of behavior" in Epicurean philosophy are pleasure and pain.