

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

Post by "BrainToBeing" of January 8, 2024 at 2:05 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

BraintoBeing I apologize for not being able to follow this thread more closely - I have been traveling on business and extremely short of time. Here's a place where I will hop back in:

[Cassius](#) Missed you. Glad you are back! More fun with you here.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

...And if that position works for you, and you feel no stress or strain in your life by "leaving the issue as undecided," then I say more power to you!

Yeah, maybe again because of medicine or just my "brain wiring", I have no problem leaving the issue undecided. When practicing it was typical (not unusual) to have fragmentary information requiring an acceptance - "at this time there is not enough information, and we don't know". So, I got used to it.

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in the end "science" is not the same as "philosophy." I'm not sure I can adequately define the difference, but maybe that is something that needs to be addressed in this conversation.

I'm really enjoying the conversation with you all and it is not my intent to be a gadfly/iconoclast. So, I'm happy to leave this issue alone. (And, the difference can be defined.)

[Quote from Don](#)

But a search for some universal Truth isn't going to make that better.

[Don](#) Your comments in the section relating to this quote are all quite welcome. You are absolutely right, healthcare is about human beings and being human. During that practice I did not intend to use science to devalue the human experience or individual preference. However, I did seek to rely on something that was reliable. It would be extremely easy for healthcare, and doctors, to be nothing more than a shill for economic benefit and hidden agendas. In fact that is

the path to easiest medicine and highest "reward" from practice. Yet, I didn't think that was the agenda.

[Don](#) In regard to prolepsis you and your colleagues here are certainly much more the experts on that subject than I am. However, to use the word as I did I reference the following definitions:

"the [anticipation](#) and answering of possible [objections](#) in [rhetorical](#) speech." (Oxford Languages dictionary)

"**Prolepsis** (rhetoric), a figure of speech in which the speaker raises an objection and then immediately answers it." (Wikipedia)

Prolepsis, a figure of speech in which a future act or development is represented as if already accomplished or existing. (Britannica)

If that is not how the word is used here in EpicureanFriends then I'm happy to hear an alternative definition.