

# A Discussion On Anticipations from 2017

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From Elli:

Cassius wrote : <<It is important to see that the faculties of the Canon are \*pre-cognitive.\*>>

What means pre-cognitive ? Based on lexicon I found the etymology and the meaning of this word.

precognitive adj (seeing the future) ?! ενορατικός, προγνωστικός, μαντικός.

precognitive adj (happening without cognition = parapsychology) ?!

εξωαισθητήριος (=out of sensory-out of senses)?!

oracular adj (prophetic) προφητικός, μαντικός (seeing the future) ?!

visionary n (person who sees visions) (κάποιος που βλέπει οράματα) ενορατικός ?!

e.g. Felisa Sistiaga was a visionary who claimed to have seen the Virgin Mary.??!!!

Has this word “pre-cognitive” something to do with Epicurean philosophy and the Canon ??

[Cassius](#) my friend, I have the feeling that you try to reject totally the reasoning from the Canon ? If you try to reject the Reason by itself and the mind/brain by itself, ok that’s right, I agree with you. But there is a DANGER to fall in trap to conclude that the Canon has not reasoning at all, but this is false. Indeed the mind/brain without the senses is a mass of meat, but in the contrary the mind/brain by itself in a quite room is able to do SOBER REASONING to CALCULATE, since mind/brain HAD STORED many CONCEPTS based on words with images that are based on past senses and feelings. These are the ANTICIPATIONS OR PRECONCEPTIONS.

Mind/brain can composing unaffected and more abstract subjective thinking drawing from the most distant imagination. Mind/brain can manage data of a produced sensation and emotion. Is a criterion of judgment with the collaboration of senses and the feelings of course. But the Senses by themselves can’t work too, because as Epicurus said senses are ALOGES -=without reason. For this here comes the mind/brain to declare what the senses had seen, heard, touched etc. as well as the mind can do the calculation among pleasure and pain (PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE)

Doctrine 24. If you reject any single sensation and fail to distinguish between the conclusion of opinion as to the appearance awaiting confirmation and that which is actually given by the

sensation or feeling, OR EACH INTUITIVE APPREHENSION OF THE MIND, you will confound all other sensations as well with the same groundless opinion, so that you will reject every STANDARD OF JUDGEMENT. And if among the mental images created by your opinion you affirm both that which awaits confirmation and that which does not, you will not escape error, since you will have preserved the whole cause of doubt in every judgment between what is right and what is wrong.

From the letter to Meneoceus based on reasoning :

- The right procedure, however, is to weigh them against one another and to scrutinize the advantages and disadvantages; for we treat the good under certain circumstances as an evil and conversely the evil as a good.

- Of all these virtues the source is the prudence, the greatest good of all – and hence more precious than philosophy itself – teaching us the impossibility of living pleasantly without living according to reason, honor, and justice, and conversely, of living according to reason, honor, and justice without living pleasantly; for the virtues are of one nature with the pleasurable life and conversely, the pleasurable life is inseparable from the virtues.

- It is not continuous drinkings and revelings, nor the satisfaction of lusts, nor the enjoyment of fish and other luxuries of the wealthy table, which produce a pleasant life, but sober reasoning, searching out the motives for all choice and avoidance, and banishing mere opinions, to which are due the greatest disturbance of the spirit.

Some sayings that are based on reasoning :

E.S. 27. In all other occupations the fruit comes painfully after completion, but in philosophy pleasure goes hand in hand with knowledge; for enjoyment does not follow comprehension, but comprehension and enjoyment are simultaneous.

ES. 45. The study of nature does not make men productive of boasting or bragging nor apt to display that culture which is the object of rivalry with the many, but high-spirited and self-sufficient, taking pride in the good things of their own minds and not of their circumstances.

ES 55. We must heal our misfortunes by the grateful RECOLLECTION of what has been and by the RECOGNITION that it is impossible to undo that which has been done.

ES 71. Every desire must be confronted by this question: what will happen to me if the object of my desire is accomplished and what if it is not?