

Can Determinism Be Reconciled With Epicureanism? (Admin Edit - No, But Let's Talk About Why Not)

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Thanks for the comprehensive summary.

Our exchange was not about ideological but metaphysical opinions. Suitable metaphysical assumptions facilitate depth of understanding and avoidance of skepticism. Most of Epicurus' physics was actually metaphysics at that time. Advancement of science has enabled us to replace a lot of what was metaphysics with physics, whereby some of Epicurus' assumptions have been confirmed to be facts, some have been completely refuted, and some have been formally refuted but have noteworthy analogies in today's physics. It is good that we agree on the core of Epicurus' philosophy despite the differences in our metaphysical opinions. I expect that the discussed topics will come up again on occasion in other threads, so it is helpful to have clarified one difference among us.