

Cartesian beliefs on sensory perception vs Epicurean knowledge acquired through the senses

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Hello Cassius, its good to hear from you again too!

I will definitely revisit DeWitt on this matter, as I can vaguely see the scientific method in this way of treating sensory perception.

I hadn't considered the mind and the senses as being separate, and error in the former being caused by lack of information from the latter. To what extent can we separate them? Is a sense defined as the nerve in my hand, the electrical impulse my hand sends, or what my brain makes of that electrical impulse? I think I can intuitively separate the concept of the nerve impulse from the opinion I form on the impulse, but ultimately these things are connected processes that happen within milliseconds of each other. Can it then be said that sensory perception error is only caused by internal will and judgement, and not the interaction of one's senses with external stimuli?