

Analyzing The Boeing Astronauts From An Epicurean Perspective

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This was originally posted in the discussion of the 6/3/24 First Monday Zoom, but was moved to this new thread.

Thanks to those who attended last night's Zoom (a total of 7 attendees). We had a fruitful and enjoyable discussion.

The discussion moved onto the question of whether or not risking one's life for being an astronaut on the Boeing rocket would be a good choice, and whether or not Epicurus would warn against it or support it. We then briefly discussed psychological hedonism.

The issue is: How does one apply an Epicurean analysis to a high-risk activity?

In the meeting Cassius stated that it isn't the longest life but the most pleasant. (Letter to Menoecus) .

However, I believe that there are several ways to interpret this, and I differ from Cassius because I see this is a kind of remedy for when one develops an illness and is faced with death, that one shouldn't feel that one is missing out on a full life.

To see last night's slides and a slightly different question see this post:

Thread

[Health of the Body and Happiness of the Soul -vs- "The Goal is Pleasure"](#)

I have posted below the text from the slides that I presented at the beginning of the last night's Zoom meeting before we jumped into the discussion. I wanted to add that my original direction that I wanted to take this discussion was that I wanted to present the idea that: **to live as Epicureans we need to get more clear about what our life goal is.** Here I mean "goal" in a philosophical sense, not in getting a good career or marriage and family (these could be thought of as a means but not an...



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