

Episode 233 - Cicero's OTNOTG - 08 - An Epicurean Attack On The False God Of Stoicism

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"Stoicism is self tyranny" is my takeaway quote for this episode.

I have a question arising from this episode:

What are the implications for the modern day concept of Natural Rights and universal human rights (which is supposed to be based on Nature) if there are no moral lessons to be learned from Nature other than the pleasure/pain motivation? What does Epicurus say?

Wikipedia:

According to the theory of law called [jusnaturalism](#), all people have inherent rights, conferred not by act of legislation but by "[God](#), [nature](#), or [reason](#)." Natural law theory can also refer to "theories of [ethics](#), [theories of politics](#), theories of [civil law](#), and theories of [religious morality](#)."

- Natural rights are those that are not dependent on the laws or customs of any particular culture or government, and so are *universal*, *fundamental* and *inalienable* (they cannot be repealed by human laws, though one can forfeit their enjoyment through one's actions, such as by violating someone else's rights). [Natural law](#) is the law of natural rights.