

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

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I think Epicurus blows to pieces any concept of "universal" rights that is alleged to be based on or protected by a god of Nature in a Stoic kind of way

But replacing it is the acknowledgement that humans by nature experience pleasure and pain as motivations, and where pain is inflicted one can expect pushback. Sometimes we will choose pain and deal with the pushback, but Epicurus leads to acknowledgment that the results are up to us. If we want certain rights (and we do) then it is up to us to act to obtain and keep them.

That's a much more realistic way of looking at things, and since it is more consistent with reality it's very arguably more effective.