

# ACT - a bridge which translates Epicurean philosophy into life goals (thread started by Julia)

Post by "Kalosyni" of September 9, 2024 at 7:16 AM

[Quote from Julia](#)

"Happiness for a dog or a cat is straightforward. If pets are given shelter, food and drink, warmth, stimulation, play, and physical health they are contented. [...] But many humans have all the things a nonverbal organism would need to be happy, and yet they are not. [...] Literally nothing external that you can name [...] [is] enough to ensure that a human will not suffer terribly. [...] [And despite all evidence to the contrary, in mental health] there is the assumption of healthy normality."

This reminds me of the leaky pot analogy from Lucretius.

Thread

## [The Vessel Analogy At The Opening of Lucretius Book Six](#)

I'd like to ask for input on this question about the opening of book six of Lucretius involving the "vessel" analogy. The text is below, but here's the question:

It appears that Lucretius is separating out two aspects of the defects in the "jar" - (1) the jar is leaking and cannot be filled due to leaks caused by the holes, and (2) that the jar tainted all that it took in as with a foul odor.

As to (1) It seems to me that the leaks can be pretty well identified with the analogy of the [Danaides](#),...



Cassius

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