

# What Would Epicurus Say To Someone Who Complains "The World Is Unjust / Life Isn't Fair"?

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He might disagree with the premise and instead argue we should be grateful and that Nature makes it easy to acquire the good and avoid the bad if we pursue natural and necessary desires.

As long as we can achieve our basic needs, and we are free, we can be truly happy even without great wealth:

> The cry of the flesh is not to be hungry, thirsty, or cold; for he who is free of these and is confident of remain so might vie even with Zeus for happiness.

> Since the attainment of great wealth can scarcely be accomplished without slavery to crowds or to politicians, a free life cannot obtain much wealth; but such a life already possesses everything in unfailing supply. Should such a life happen to achieve great wealth, this too it can share so as to gain the good will of one's neighbors.

He admonishes ungrateful attitudes or excessive desires:

> Nothing is enough to someone for whom what is enough is little.

> Don't spoil what you have by desiring what you don't have; but remember that what you now have was once among the things only hoped for.

This VS seems to argue that people who do unjust things suffer some consequences (so it's like there's some justice built in):

> Neither he who is always seeking material aid from his friends nor he who never considers such aid is a true friend; for one engages in petty trade, taking a favor instead of gratitude, and the other deprives himself of hope for the future.