

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.

Does that mean that if someone came up to an Epicurean and said "The World isn't just!" or "Life is Unfair" that a proper response would be. "You're looking at it wrong and you shouldn't see it that way...."

What if the person says further:

- What you're saying doesn't change anything about fairness or justice!
- So in fact you are agreeing with me: The World ISN'T just and Life ISN'T fair!
- That's what you're telling me?

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I remember this one video saying that Epicureans promoted the use of stigma as the natural way of enforcing justice:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mW3Tr6NPErg>

Maybe we can argue that it is our responsibility to enforce justice by stigma?

> Life ISN'T fair

Life and the world have no divine providence in Epicureanism, so justice is up to humans.

> There never was an absolute justice, but only an agreement made in reciprocal association in whatever localities now and again from time to time, providing against the infliction or suffering of harm.

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However, we should be grateful to Nature for "making" life desirable/choice-worthy and such that the good is easy to get.