

Neuroscience of Happiness and Pleasure -- Morten L. Kringelbach and Kent C. Berridge

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Epicureans would deny that humans are social beings

Oh, the Stoics...

Epicurus stressed the importance of friendship (φιλία) throughout the extant texts and the history of Epicureanism. It seems to me that Stoics emphasized duty to the state as a virtue, whereas the Epicureans stressed interpersonal relationships as a virtue.

For example:

VS23. Every friendship is an excellence* in itself, even though it begins in mutual advantage.

* The word used is ἀρετή aretē usually translated as "virtue" in other contexts.