

A Canonics Project - Drawing A Diagram To Illustrate Key Aspects of Epicurean Canonics / Epistemology

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As we have seen, most of the books of Epíkouros' On Nature are about physics, which makes sense. Book 25, however, is about ethics, and book 28 is about epistemology. Therefore, in preparation for book 28, I have looked at the canon again. I have added some symbols for the main pieces of the canonic engine. It's a work in progress and probably does have some errors.

[∇]	τὰ Διημαρτημένα	Misinterpretations <i>can result from</i>
[Δ+]	τὸ Προσδοξαζόμενον	The Addition Of Judgement <i>while</i>
{Δ}	Ἐξαιτιολογῶν	Fully Reasoning Into The Causes
[Δ•]	ἡ Ἐπιβλητική Δόξα	Objective Judgment <i>is used for</i>
[θ]	τὸ Θεωρούμενον	What Is Observed <i>including</i>
	τὸ Παρόν	What Is Present
	τὸ Ὁρατόν	What Is Seen
	τὸ Δῆλον	What Is Clear
	τὸ Λαμβανόμενον	What Is Comprehended <i>and therefore is</i>
[θ]	τὸ Μὴ Προσμένον	What Is Not Pending [direct observation]

[Δ◦]	ἡ Θεωρητικὴ Δόξα	Speculative Judgement <i>is used for</i>
[O]	τὸ Μὴ Θεωρούμενον	What Is Not Observed <i>including</i>
	τὸ Μὴ Παρόν	What Is Not Present
	τὸ Ἄόρατον	What Is Unseen
	τὸ Ἰαδῆλον	What Is Unclear
	τὸ Μὴ Λαμβανόμενον	What Is Not Comprehended <i>and therefore</i>
{Mo}	τὸ Ἐπιμαρτυρηθησόμενον	What Is To Be Attested <i>which is</i>
[O]	τὸ Προσμένον	What Is Pending [direct observation]

[α]	τὸ Ἀληθές	<i>for</i> What Is True <i>are all</i>
[A]	αἰ Αἰσθήσεις	Sensations
[Π]	τὰ Πάθη	<i>including</i> Experiences <i>(i.e., feelings)</i>
[•Λ]	αἰ Προλήψεις	<i>and</i> Anticipations <i>(what is mentally perceived before active consideration)</i>
[B']	ἡ Ἐπιβολή	<i>and</i> Attention <i>to</i>
[E]	ἡ Ἐνάργεια	Perceivable Reality <i>including</i>
[B'δ]	ἡ Ἐπιβολή τῆς Διανοίας	Attention To Mental Perception

		<i>is</i>
(-α)	Οὐκ Ἀληθές	Not True
		<i>if</i>
{-M}	Μὴ Ἐπιμαρτυρηθῆ	It Is Not Attested
		<i>or</i>
{W}	Ἀντιμαρτυρηθῆ	It Is Contested
		<i>by</i>
[A]	ἡ Αἴσθησις	<i>sensation</i>
[Δ]	ἡ Δόξα	A Judgement
		<i>is</i>
(α)	Ἀληθές	True
		<i>if</i>
{M}	Ἐπιμαρτυρηθῆ	It Is Attested
		<i>or</i>
{-W}	Μὴ Ἀντιμαρτυρηθῆ	It Is Not Contested
		<i>by</i>
[A]	ἡ Αἴσθησις	<i>sensation</i>

ATTESTATION		CONTESTATION	
<p>(M) έπιμαρτυρούμενον attested</p> <p><i>being attested by sensation is sufficient to establish the truth of a judgment as long as there continues to be no contestation</i></p>	<p>∨ or</p>	<p>(-W) μη αντιμαρτυρούμενον not contested</p> <p><i>not being contested by sensation is sufficient to establish the truth of a judgment as long as there continues to be no contestation</i></p>	<p>⇒</p> <p>(α) TRUE</p>
<p>(-M) μη έπιμαρτυρούμενον not attested</p> <p><i>not being attested by sensation is sufficient to establish the falsity of a judgment as long as there continues to be no attestation</i></p>	<p>∧ and</p>	<p>(W) αντιμαρτυρούμενον contested</p> <p><i>being contested by sensation is sufficient to establish the falsity of a judgment long as there continues to be no attestation</i></p>	<p>⇒</p> <p>(Ο) προσμένον pending <i>(no evidence → unknown)</i></p>
<p>(M) έπιμαρτυρούμενον attested</p>	<p>∧ and</p>	<p>(W) αντιμαρτυρούμενον contested</p> <p><i>being contested by sensation is sufficient to establish the falsity of a judgment long as there continues to be no attestation</i></p>	<p>⇒</p> <p>(Ο) προσμένον pending <i>(conflicting evidence → more observation needed)</i></p>