

Epicurean philosophy skewing toward elements of Stoicism in the time of Lucretius??

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

I was thinking Don might weigh in from another direction as well. Don is very strong on [PD10](#) being a reference to reprobate acts being bad because they do in fact lead to pain in most cases.

Okay, now having re-read the proem, I will weigh in from my customary ([Cassius](#) may say predictable 😊) direction. To me, it seems Lucretius is setting the imaginary hazards against the real hazards of living a pleasurable life. In practical terms, those activities - not abstract vices but real-life activities involving those behaviors - likely lead to more pain than pleasure *in the long run*. That's my take on [PD10](#) + 11 + 12 (I take those as a unit) and that's my take here. Indulge in these if you wish. There's no divine commandments. But you'll have to reap the consequences.