

Preconceptions and PD24

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This placement in 10.62 is interesting: he presents a scenario where the **ἐπιβολὴν λαμβανόμενον τῇ διανοίᾳ** (*épibolēn lampanómenon tēi dianoíai*), the "**apprehending being grasped [by] the intellect**" **ἔστι ἀληθές** or "*is true*", verus it being false under dissimilar conditions.

More and more, it seems to me that there is no, true "Fourth Criterion" of the Kanon because Epíkouros, himself, writes that *one such* apprehension "*is true*" but *another such* "*is false*". However, that does not mean *this*, true apprehension is un-useful in having coherence with reality.

Also, based on the consistency with which this phrase is re-employed, combined with the naturalistic language he uses when making analogies, I think he supposes that *thinking*, itself, can reliably be said to be like a fisherman purposefully casting a net in meaningful directions to catch thoughts.