

Episode 282 - TD13 - Is A Trifling Pain A Greater Evil Than The Worst Infamy?

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Epicurus could easily be saying, and apparently did say, that:

1. Pain is always "evil," because it is undesirable in itself.
2. But "infamy" is not always "evil." - An Epicurean could say that he doesn't care at all what the crowd thinks, if he thinks what he is doing is the correct thing to do, but he would care if the crowd takes action to inflict pain on him because of it.

For Sunday June1st discussion.

For an Epicurean ("wise man") who is trying to live prudently, honestly, justly and pleasantly; wouldn't an unkind, untrue, or manufactured accusation that caused public infamy, also bring mental pain to the wise man? Thus there can be mental pain from untrue infamy, right?