

What fears does modern science remove, as Epicurean physics did in antiquity?

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It's in these new found fears and anxieties. Genetic predispositions to painful or deadly diseases can make some feel trapped by some biological destiny. Psychology or neuroscience can also make some feel trapped by brain chemistry or childhood experiences (even compound the anxiety of biological destiny). Climate change can be the source of much existential dread. The interesting question is how does the Epicurean respond to these new problems?

I am trying to remember what Epicurean philosophy says about length of life/a complete life.

The need to deal with the fear of death would be the antidote here. Also the need to understand free will and the ability to employ wise choice and avoidance. And to deal with fear of pain itself. All these are dealt with in Epicurean philosophy.

I'll try to find and link to previous discussions on these topics tomorrow (unless anyone else wants to post here).