

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

Post by “Kalosyni” of June 5, 2025 at 9:07 AM

Further thoughts on the original question: "What fears does modern science remove?"

Modern science can usually diagnose diseases so that you can know if you have a terminal illness or something curable...and so in that way can sometimes reduce anxiety.

Modern science hasn't produced definitive answers for everything, so then fears will remain. We then need to go back to the Epicurean philosophy and work with our basic existential issues, in order to manage fears. I am adding in these links for anyone who happens to be reading this thread (there are of course many other threads on the forum dealing with these issues):

--Fear of dying - see this section of the forum:

[Dealing With Death, Dying, And Old Age](#)

--Fear of pain - see this thread:

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[What is terrible is easy to endure](#)

What is terrible is easy to endure. (fourth point of the [Tetrapharmakos](#)) and also:

PD 4 - Pain does not last continuously in the flesh; instead, the sharpest pain lasts the shortest time, a pain that exceeds bodily pleasure lasts only a few days, and diseases that last a long time involve delights that exceed their pains.

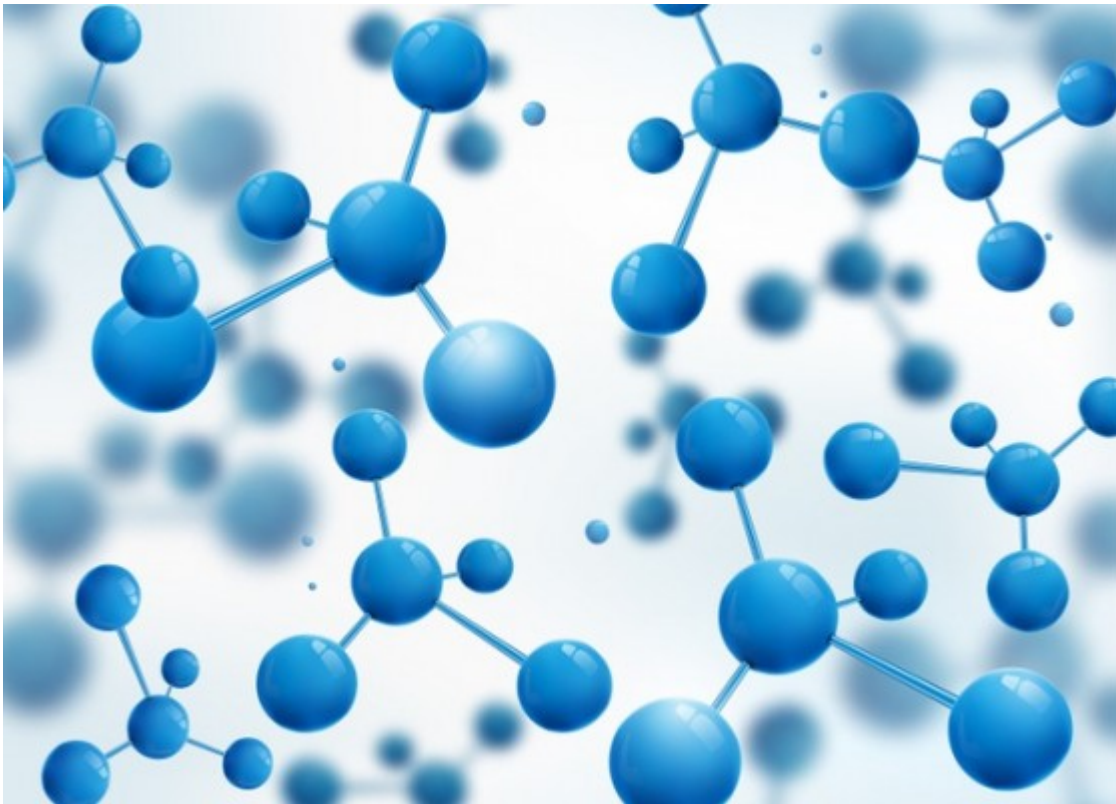
We've talked about this in many other threads, and maybe could use this thread to post links to previous discussions.



Kalosyni

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--What can I control? ...Choices and avoidances, but some things still happen by chance. For free will read this article:



Article

"Free Will In Epicurean Philosophy" - by Dimitris Liarmakopoulos

Elli Pensa has translated for us the following article by a Greek student of Epicurus, Dimitris Liarmakopoulos.



Elli

May 17, 2019 at 6:40 PM