

Episode 295 - Plutarch's Absurd Interpretation of Epicurean Absence of Pain

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Great response Cassius. That said, I feel we may be talking past each other a little.

1) I don't hold anti-natalist views, and I haven't done for years. I don't see it as my philosophical base whatsoever.

And more importantly,

2) I had absolutely zero knowledge of Epicureanism before coming here. My confusion here does not stem from the mainstream false interpretations of Epicurus. I hadn't read Cicero or Plutarch, nor had I read any inaccurate modern accounts of Epicurean philosophy. While people like Cicero and Plutarch seemed to have wilfully distorted Epicurus' words, my questions about the philosophy come from a place of organic confusion. This matters because it means that I'm not struggling to break away from some prior false interpretation of the texts, but instead I'm trying to understand things from a fairly neutral standpoint. Your argument seems to focus a lot on disproving Cicero and Plutarch's falsehoods, which I already disagree with, rather than independently clarifying the Epicurean view.

I mention these points to help clarify my confusion.