

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

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Regardless of all the abstract reasoning I'm engaging in while trying to understand this point,

Well you may have found something to say that I disagree with! 😊 I don't think your comments constitute abstract reasoning (with the implication that there's something improper about them). I think the questions you are asking are the most practical possible. If good answers do not exist to them, then Epicurean philosophy is worse than worthless.

I can't imagine much that would be worse than a philosophy that would appear to argue that the goal of life is to obsess over being anesthetized from all pain, and living with the minimum pleasure possible to sustain you. In fact, that's exactly what I strongly criticize the Stoics, Buddhists, and others for in essence advocating.