

Episode 306 - TD34 - Is A Life That Is 99 Percent Happy Really Happy?

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This episode will be out soon.

One aspect that is referenced in the second half is how the "all or nothing" attitude of Stoicism carries over into Christianity. This is an important point to focus on in Epicurus. Was Epicurus' life "not happy" because he suffered from terrible kidney disease at the end (and no doubt suffered other pains and dissapointments earlier as does any normal person)?

The way you answer that question is critical, because the Stoics and Christians have a different answer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1uyodM3iAew>

"Almost persuaded," harvest is past!
"Almost persuaded," doom comes at last!
"Almost" cannot avail; "Almost" is but to fail!
Sad, sad, that bitter wail— "Almost," but lost!

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