

# Epicurus vs Kant and Modern Idealism - Introduction

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Quote

Would a Kantian take the position that it is not true that there are no supernatural gods, not true that there is no life after death, and not true that [pleasure is the guide of life](#)?

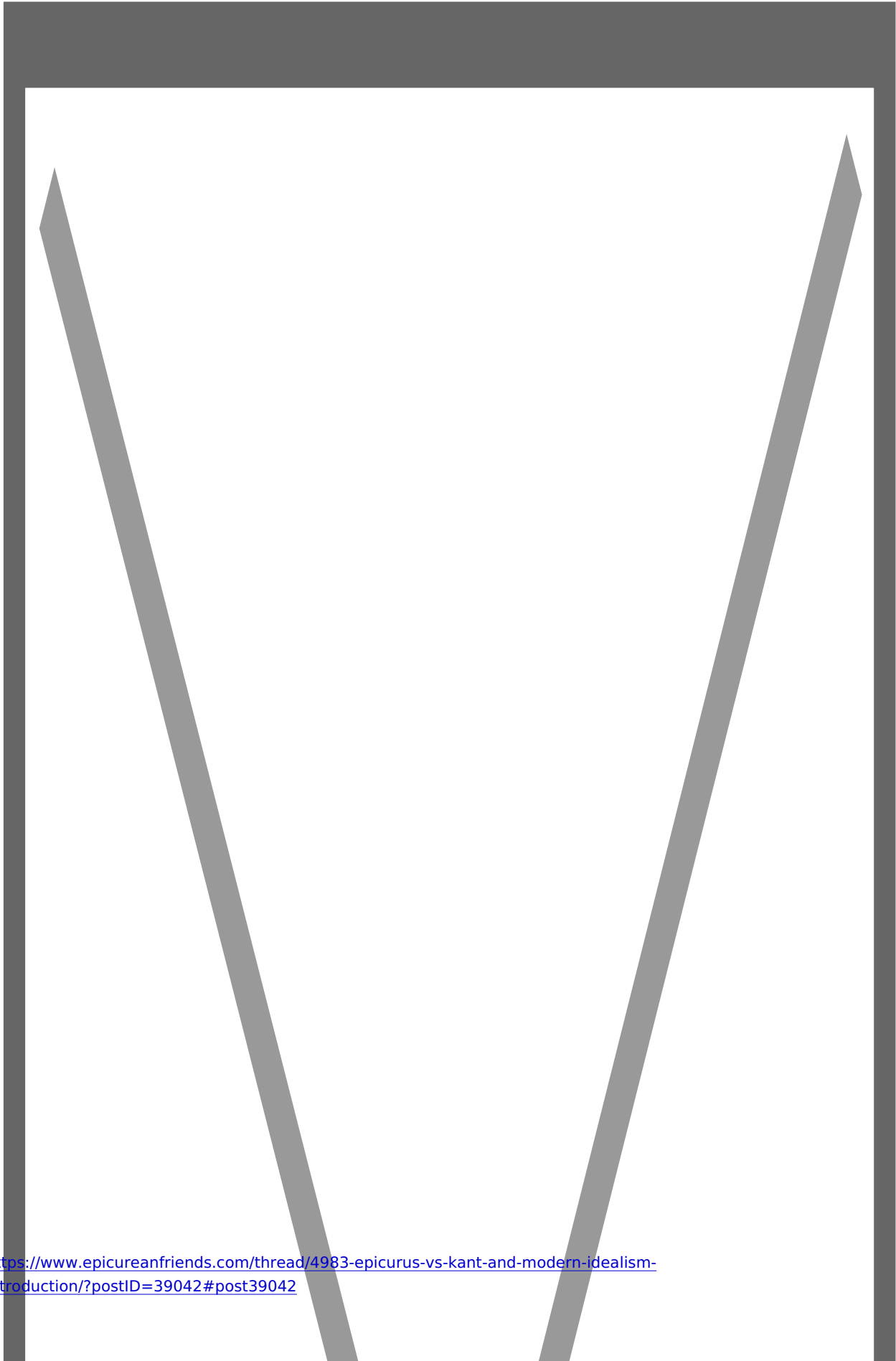
Kant himself does take these positions. However, later Kantians may differ. I am an Epicurean, not a Kantian. My reference to being "Kantian" is limited to him as being named as the original source of the distinction between a model and truth. He used different terminology and an idealistic framework. Others reformulated his epistemology within materialism. Other than that and his version of the golden rule, I do not know much about other aspects of his philosophy. I have read very little from Kant himself but more from those who refer to him.

I found two references for dummies on Kant's epistemology and one reference for professionals. Although the one from Nature has been created with A.I. (which I usually would not want to read or share) I have to concede that it is convincing and easy to understand. The second reference is riddled with mistakes but seems to correctly present Kant's epistemology. The third one is mostly above my league:

[Kantian Philosophy and Epistemology | Nature Research Intelligence](#)

<https://yohanesnuwara.medium.com/the-epistemology-of-immanuel-kant-5e5e7fbd1e48>

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