

Epicurus vs Kant and Modern Idealism - Introduction

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I do not believe Epicurus would view someone who would "fail to steal a loaf of bread for a starving child" as simply choosing another path in life. Epicurus would find that conduct outrageous and deserving of strong verbal condemnation if not worse. Ideas have consequences and this is the kind of result of Kantian ideology that deserves the forcefulness of a Nietzsche to condemn in adequate terms.

Why must extreme examples be used to dispute a point in discussion. Extremes are not the norm for belief in my opinion. This is an example of the type of argumentation that can be found in Lucretius that diminishes its power. Giving five examples of extremes is not helpful to deep consideration of an issue under discussion. Does anyone really think a man like Kant would actually frown on someone's act of stealing bread to feed a starving child? That example seems absurd also for the fact it is twisting fiction for philosophical argument. By the way, it was a fictional story In Les Misérables, Jean Valjean was unjustly convicted for stealing bread to feed starving children.