

Episode 334 - EATAQ 16 - Further Epicurean Analysis of the Problems With The Stoic "Kataleptic Impression"

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I cross-posted with Bryan and just now see his #12

[Quote from Bryan](#)

This is contrasted (Academica 2.142) with "a different judgment exists for Epicurus - who thinks all judgment is established in the senses, in the acquaintance with things, and in pleasure"

This sentence covers a lot but I would think it would be true that

"judgment is ESTABLISHED in the senses" means more like "judgment is *validated* by or *is tested against* the perceptions of the senses, the anticipations, and the feelings."

With the key point being as in the other citations that judgment takes place in the MIND, not in any of the three categories of faculties, and this is where a major difference arises from the Stoics, who believe that some sensations are "true" and others "false" and that apparently some sensations are so "clear" that the wise man can recognize the true ones as true and the false ones as false, *if* he is really good at dialectic and syllogisms.