

What Would Epicurus Say To Someone Who Said To Him That The Value of Being Dead and Being Alive Are Equal?

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Such a person must be alive in order to say that, thus demonstrating their preference for being alive, and contradicting their claim.

Another excellent use of self-contradiction, showing that they are either not a consistent thinker or being intentionally misleading.

Presuming they are more on the "not consistent thinker" edge of the range, for reasons that we might choose to find sympathetic (so we continue to talk to them!) what else can be said to help them see that their position is damaging?

Or is this position so ingrained in the people who would ask the question in the first place that little help is possible?