

Never Confuse Column A and Column B

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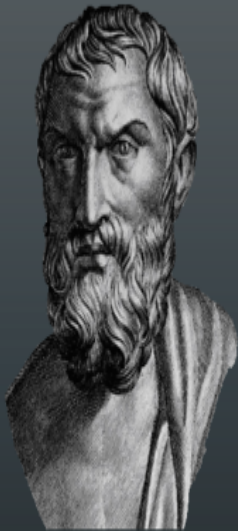
I started this graphic with the intent of having Column A be "Pleasure" and Column "B" be friendship, prudence, and a list of the "virtues." However in reading the Letter to Menoeceus closely, that is not how Epicurus summarizes his own philosophy of life.

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Column A: What is the Goal of Life?

Column B: How Do I Achieve the Goal of Life?

1. PLEASURE



1. Hold a holy belief concerning the gods,
2. Free yourself from the fear of death.
3. Diligently consider Pleasure, the end fixed by nature.
4. Attain your limit of good things realizing that there is no necessity for struggle.
5. Do not let pain intimidate you because pain is slight in duration or intensity.
6. Scorn "fate," "chance" and those who preach necessity.
7. Take control of your life and responsibility for your actions.
8. Hold that the misfortune of the wise is better than the prosperity of the fool.

Column A: "Wherefore we call pleasure the alpha and omega of a blessed life. Pleasure is our first and kindred good. It is the starting point of every choice and of every aversion, and to it we come back, inasmuch as we make feeling the rule by which to judge of every good thing."

Column B: Closing passage, letter to Menoecus.