

Two Types?

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, I guess my question is what do you make of all the sources cited in the Epicureanism piece on Wikipedia, for instance

Wikipedia helps, certainly, but I would have to look at that in detail to see who wrote that wikipedia article and its history in order to really comment. Maybe these terms are part of recent scholarship, but I am much more comfortable citing long-established figures in the 2000+ year history of commentary on Epicurus, and if those categories exist in that literature I am not aware of it. I am aware that academics like to coin new terms and cite each other in their articles, but I think it is much more useful to describe the relevant positions by listing them clearly and concisely. Assigning labels frequently ends up obscuring rather than explaining what is being discussed.