

Glossary - What is the Epicurean Definition of "Pleasure?"

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Frankly, as an Epicurean, I do not give a dime of how Aristotle used the term of "eudaemonia" in accordance with his dialectical acrobats based on an absolute and universal morality of who is the good man and who is the bad man, along with his logic of excluded middle with the dilemmas of what is good or not good etc.

The only I know and I feel is how Epicurus used the same term of "eudaemonia" in accordance with his methodology of the Canon in consistency with his Physics and Ethics. In those "anticipations" of the Canon something has been engraved intuitively as a talent in a human being, and any talent can be expressed and improved through the exercises/experiences by the driven force that is the pleasure and nothing more or less. The talented man that knows the art of how to live like god among the mob of men is the ingenious man that is spreading benefit and pleasure with his like-minded friends as he also knows who are his like-minded friends. The eudaemonious Epicurus was such an artist that knew the art of living like a god among the unknown men of the mob.

Finally, philosophy is not a production and trading with products i.e. selling books and going next to leaders for giving them pieces of advice mixed with tangle and confusing issues on how they should live for the devious purpose of earning money from them, as Plato, Aristotle and the stoics did and still are doing.

No, Philosophy is the art of life that is expressed with thoughts and proved with actions of a team that constitutes of like-minded friends that have the same goal living their life pleasantly. And those of any team that are the best artists and the best doctors among the mob of men, will be engraved into the memories of the mob of men. Because any posthumous reputation that comes after a benefit to the others it becomes without being asked as a begging from others. We epicureans are the "mega fronountes" (see ES 45) i.e. we are extremely pride of what we really are. Because the epicureans never have lived like beggars to advise other beggars of the mob on how all they get along for living like good andrapoda (slaves) with or without any god.