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I am still in the process of reading what you posted Charles but it is a coincidence that you post this today because just yesterday I was expressing to a friend my frustration that Epicurus is accused of being a part of a "Crisis of Confidence" period in Greek philosophy where everyone gave up hope and just tried to escape from pain. Maybe in part that is true as to the Stoics and others, but how ridiculous to lump Epicurus into that when he was the one who was emphasizing that THIS life is all we have, so that we have to make the most of it!

I am going to read the rest now but wanted to say this first. This is the kind of standard dismissal of Epicurus that is so infuriating.