

Reducing "Tranquilism" to its Absurd Conclusion

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Exactly.

If I'm not mistaken I originally found this essay on Peter Saint-Andres Monadnock page and therefore expected it to be in agreement with Epicurus/Lucretius (it's no longer there, not sure why). Imagine my surprise as I worked my way through it!

I lump this essay with 1) Plato's [Philebus](#) and 2) the various statements condemning atomism as impossible and ridiculous. These belong to a group that is so obviously biased and mistaken that the only value in reading them is to strengthen, by contrast, one's conviction regarding feeling and science. Otherwise it's a waste of time (although [Philebus](#) does have value to the extent that it prompted a response from Epicurus).