

Consequentialism & Moral Relativism within the context of Pleasure-filled Philosophy

Post by "Cassius" of March 10, 2020 at 6:06 PM

Lots of interesting stuff there Charles.

Do I take it correctly that your main point / question is:

[Quote from Charles](#)

How exactly do we hold each other accountable, including pleasure seekers who wouldn't label themselves Epicurean and aren't familiar with our concepts of frankness and justice, but otherwise share many of our values?

It might help to direct the discussion if you further elaborated on what you mean by "holding each other accountable"?

It is possible that you are going in a direction that calls to my mind this excerpt from Torquatus in "On Ends":

Quote

Yet nevertheless some men indulge without limit their avarice, ambition and love of power, lust, gluttony and those other desires, which ill-gotten gains can never diminish but rather must inflame the more; inasmuch that they appear **proper subjects for restraint rather than for reformation.**

if you are talking about "how do you prevent others with different views of pleasure from hurting us and our friends, then it seems to me that Torquatus is clearly saying that we "act to restrain" them ---

which is one reason why it is transparently wrong to suggest that Epicurus held that no Epicurean would participate in any form of public life, because there needs to be a mechanism for restraining those who would harm us, and I cannot imagine that Epicurus would have said "let someone else take care of that."

But you may not be going in that direction.....you may be thinking of something else entirely.