

## PD20 - Commentary on PD 20

Post by "Cassius" of March 26, 2020 at 9:45 AM

I will also go ahead and give my tentative answer to "how much time do we need to live the best life?"

Consistent with my comments in the last post I don't think that this question has a definite "objective" answer either. I do not think that Nature has established a set of definitions to which we can look for the "best life," but rather given Pleasure/feeling as a guide to do the best with which each individual is able to do.

I think it is pretty clear that it is more desirable *in general* to live a longer pleasurable life than a shorter pleasurable life, but since pleasure is inherently subjective (again, there is that issue) then there is no "objective" measure of "how much time do we need to live so that our life is complete."

So my general framework is to question whether these "matter of fact questions" such as "What is the best life?" "What is the complete life?" "What is 'the good?'" would be something in which Epicurus would engage discussion without first laying the groundwork as to the limits of the usefulness of the discussion.