

Welcome Cyryl!

Post by "Cassius" of May 21, 2020 at 4:36 PM

Hello Cyryl. I presume given choice of user name that I recognize you from the past.

I hope you are doing well, but we do have the forum rules in place for a reason. Will move you to level two - watching but not participating.

If something changes in your perspective in the future, feel free to send me a private message here and we can reevaluate.

Note for forum regulars:

I think all of us who are the type of person for whom this forum is targeted know the basic issues, and we are either open-minded or more or less firmly in the camp of holding that pleasure including **both** tranquility **plus** the "active" pleasures, as DeWitt argues, and not just simply the amorphously Buddhist-like "absence of pain."

Another way of looking at this is that in Epicurus' terms, "pleasure" includes **at least** what it is generally thought by normal people to include, plus more. The opposite and regrettably majority position is that "pleasure" means **less** than, or **foreign to**, what normal people think it includes. That's the direction taken by those who consider Epicurus to be kin to the Stoics, and others schools of that persuasion, and that's why they find offensive the interpretations of DeWitt, and [Nikolsky](#), and Gosling & Taylor, and others I could list.

But rather than delete the account, this can serve to remind regular readers of the reason for the forum rules. There are many opportunities for people like Cyryl to discuss their views elsewhere on the internet. On the other hand, there is only one group (that I know of) dedicated to what we are trying to do here in building a positive community of people who think Epicurus meant **everything** he said about pleasure.

So that's why it has seemed best to keep a tight leash on this aspect of the argument. It is too easy for casual users to think that anti-Dewitt interpretation is the only one available, and get demoralized before they understand the big picture and the issues at stake.

Update: After a further private exchange, Cyryl is no longer with us.