

Pleasure over truth

Post by "Cassius" of September 15, 2020 at 3:34 PM

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What is that yoke of destiny? I presume determinism.

Who are the natural philosophers? From DeWit I gathered (please clarify if I'm mistaken that Epicurus could be classified as a natural philosopher since part of his philosophy was based on observations of nature as the norm.

I think you're correct on both.

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A cause of good or evil? Or a cause of what?

I think he means an initiating cause of either. I think he's saying that "Fate" does not exist as a force, and therefore it does not initiate any kind of results

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Who is he?

What could be that which is well-judged-in-action?

I think "he" is the figurative wise man who is living the best life possible

I think "well judged in action" refers to a conscious decision that is well judged and therefore comes as close to the desired goal (whatever it is) as possible.

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it does look like the value of truth is relative, which may be something that makes us uncomfortable but it might none the less be true. Perhaps, the question should not be if the value of truth is relative, but rather if the value of us honoring our truth is relative, which it seems to be the case.

I think Epicurus would say that there is no such thing as "truth" in the abstract, and so it wouldn't make him uncomfortable at all to face that fact. As far as the second sentence goes it would probably be better to ask you to restate that to make it more clear.