

August 10, 2022 - Epicurean Zoom Discussion - PD19/20

Post by “Kalosyni” of August 9, 2022 at 9:46 AM

Hi Everyone, This Wednesday night at 8:30pm ET - the discussion topic is PD 19 and 20.

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Epicurean Philosophy Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, August 10th - 8:30pm ET

PD19 - Infinite time contains no greater pleasure than limited time, if one measures by reason the limits of pleasure.

PD20 - The flesh perceives the limits of pleasure as unlimited, and unlimited time is required to supply it. But the mind, having attained a reasoned understanding of the ultimate good of the flesh and its limits and having dissipated the fears concerning the time to come, supplies us with the complete life, and we have no further need of infinite time: but neither does the mind shun pleasure, nor, when circumstances begin to bring about the departure from life, does it approach its end as though it fell short in any way of the best life.

Post by "Cassius" of August 9, 2022 at 3:07 PM

Thank you Kalosyni! Many of these doctrines are closely related, and don't lend themselves to bright-line divisions by taking them one at a time. Placing these two together is our effort to evaluate the main ideas here.

Post by “Kalosyni” of August 9, 2022 at 5:01 PM

I found this, which brings in something on the meaning of a "complete life".

Quote

"But if Epicurus aims to give people good lives by making them self-sufficient, he must establish that the life he gives them is not only self-sufficient, but also really good. As Mitsis shows, it is a deep part of Greek ethical belief that *eudaimonia*, the good life for a human being, must be **complete**--must, that is, include everything that has intrinsic worth, everything without which a reasonable person will judge the life to be impoverished, lacking in value." <https://www.jstor.org/stable/2107890> -- Review Essay: Epicurus' Ethical Theory: The Pleasures of Invulnerability -- Martha Nussbaum

Post by “Joshua” of August 9, 2022 at 6:08 PM

Unfortunately I think I'll miss this one. I *might* be able to listen in.

Post by “Cassius” of August 10, 2022 at 8:56 AM

This is a reminder to join us tonight if you can. If you don't have the zoom link, let us know and we will get it to you.

Post by “Cassius” of August 11, 2022 at 6:20 AM

Thanks to everyone who attended our Zoom meeting last night. We had such an in-depth discussion that we went much longer than normal. Rather than try to include that here, I have set up a new thread where the issue is more findable in the future, and I hope we can continue the discussion there: [PD19 And The Meaning Of No "Greater" Pleasure](#)