

PHILOSOPHY

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On the issue of telocentrism: Epicurus and modernity

The article examines the ethical teaching of Epicurus, substantiates the idea of the incorrectness of reducing Epicurus' ethics to bodycentrism. Epicurus's teaching was a specific reaction to the destruction of the foundations of the ancient Greek polis and was aimed at solving vital and practical issues. Epicurean ethics was an attempt to free man from the suffering of the body and the confusion of the soul, acting as a kind of intuition of asceticism. Having discovered the other-rationality of the body, Epicurus did not make it a problem of philosophical comprehension. This will happen only in the twentieth century, when the phenomenon of corporeality and sensory experience will be rethought. Bodycentrism will become one of the leading trends in the culture of the late twentieth century.

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