

ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY

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OUTLINE OF SECTION 12 **STOICISM**

LESSON 2 **Misery & impiety** PART ONE 30 minutes

A | The ideas of Epictetus 0:16

B | Serenity & bad fortune

1 | The role in life of 'serenity' 2:17

PROPOSITION **85a** HAPPINESS IS SERENITY

2 | The unreasonable reason for unhappiness (two ignored facts) 15:44

- The reasonableness of things
- How good things go to the good

PROPOSITION **86** TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS EVIL IN THE WORLD IS WISE, BUT TO BEWAIL IT IS FOOLISH, BECAUSE IT HAPPENS FOR GOOD REASON

PROPOSITION **87** IT IS A LAW OF NATURE THAT THE BEST THINGS GO TO THE BEST PEOPLE, THE POORER THINGS TO THE WORSE PEOPLE, THUS THERE IS NO REASON EVER TO COMPLAIN ABOUT 'WHAT PEOPLE GET'

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