

Study Grid: Comparison of Epicurean , Stoic, and Augustine's Doctrines
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	Epicurean	Stoic	Augustine
Ultimate principles of the Universe	Atoms and the void	Passive and active principles	
Space	Infinite	Finite	
Worlds	Infinite number of worlds	One World	
God(s)	Exist, but separate from men	Exists, runs the universe	
Fate	None, universe runs by chance	Yes, controls universe	
Problem of Evil	Just happens	Part of greater good of the whole	
Goal in Life	Seek pleasure, avoid pain	Life in accordance with Nature	
Highest Good	Pleasure (= absence of pain)	Virtue	
Politics	Wise man avoids politics	Wise man takes part in politics	
Afterlife	None; soul perishes at death	Yes, although soul is not eternal	
Suicide	Discouraged	Allowed in certain circumstances	