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Marcus and Epicurus were both the greatest philosophers of their time. Epicurus was just about the last of the Athenian philosophers. Epicurus thinking was modern and he came up with 40. Epicurus was an atomist. He believed that atoms and void are only two things of which the universe is composed. he had written hundreds of books but two of them survived. On the other side, Marcus is also a great philosopher and had modern thinking just like Epicurus.

Marcus came around 500 years after the great Greek philosophers. he was not a greek. he was honest to the god-emperor of Rome. he lived a very simple life but he was the most powerful man in the world at that time. he was miserable but his life was tragic. anyone can fall in love with him who read his entire story. There are many similarities and differences between both philosophers. In this essay, I will talk about two great philosophers named Marcus and Epicurus. I will describe what factors they both have in common and how do they differ in the forthcoming paragraphs.

Begin with Epicurus's point of view, He thinks that there is no purpose, no goal, and even no god. if there is the presence of God, God is also made up of atoms. he says, there is no soul and death is the endpoint. there is no further heaven. Moreover, he said, pleasure is good but some pleasures lead to hangovers which means sometimes you do so much fun and it hurts next. For instance, if you have a dream to buy a luxurious car. for that, you will hurt yourself to work in the factor and save that money to buy a new car. once you got your dream car, it is not worth it or does not get as much pleasure as you hurt. basically, the level of hurt is higher than you get

pleasure. that is what he thinks. Furthermore, he adds that there are three kinds of pleasure and, the first one is "natural and necessary" which everyone should enjoy like having good food and shelter. the second is "natural and unnecessary" which you do not give too much attention to it and do not make stress about it like family. and the last one is "neither natural nor necessary" which you do not have to do that or do not have to think of it as wealth and fame.

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Marcus is a stoic and a Roman emperor. he was a great philosopher and can have anything in the world. Marcus had written the book called "Meditations". but it was his personal diary. his life was full-on struggles and new mysterious things for us. there are three main parts which are thought by Marcus. Understand the logos of the universe. second, you hurt yourself. last is, work with it. he said really interesting, no one can hurt me only I can hurt myself. he adds that there are no good or bad things unless we make things good or bad. I have opinions on every aspect. For example, if my expensive laptop is broken then it is not a bad thing. instead, I can repair it and show others that I am intelligent. so we can change things with the mind. he is a very interesting person. he believed, in first understanding the world and then working with it. life is short so be forgiving and be an understanding person. his important words are if I take away the complaint, I have been harmed, and I have not harmed anymore, the only harm to me is only myself. anything happens to me, I can leave, change or take it. this is the idea that he had about the concept of the logo. Moreover, he said, the universe has given us the things so work with them. get back to work. all in all, everything happens for a reason. he is relaxed about this.

Comparing both philosophers Marcus and Epicurus, both have some similarities and some differences in terms of thinking. They both think that everything is made up of atoms. if there is the presence of God so even god is made up of atoms. also, they think that there is no soul and that death is the endpoint. which means that there are no such things as heaven. on the other hand, Marcus does not love much pleasure. However, Epicurus said, it is not bad. Enjoy the pleasure. furthermore, Marcus believed that the universe has given things to us so get involved with these things but Epicurus had different thoughts from him.

In my opinion, if I compare both philosophers, I would say Marcus is more right than Epicurus. because I can feel with Marcus and his thoughts are relatable. I fall in love with this sentence by Marcus "No one can hurt me, only I can hurt myself". he was a very interesting person. in addition, he was more natural. he said we all should need to work because the universe has given us to us and we should be involved with these materialistic things. Personally, I love Marcus's thoughts.

To conclude, Both philosophers are the greatest of their time. they have many similarities in common as well as many differences in both. both had the same ideology that everything is made up of atoms. In contrast, they have also some differences Marcus was more natural in terms of human work like we should have to work while Epicurus has a different opinion.

Marcus is like the world's richest man in terms of their opinions. he was not worrying or taking

any stress. he enjoys his life in his way by making his own point of view. both are right in their point of view.

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