

# Toward A Better Understanding of Epicurean Justice And Injustice (With Examples of "Just" and "Unjust")

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

ok but suppose the two people involved in the murder hypothetical were on a desert island totally isolated from all organized communities or other people entirely? Would self defense then still be a matter of "justice"? Now clearly it is desirable / proper under Epicurean texts, but the question is must Epicurean justice be a matter of "society"?

Epicurean justice or civilized behavior appears to me to be entirely contextual between human beings existing in a community of any size.

Have the two castaways agreed on any ground rules? Or are they bound by the laws of the society from which they sailed? Those are the questions that would need answering.

You can have a "community" (what you call "society") of two people I'd say as long as they've agreed on an agreement on how to coexist on the island. If they cannot agree or decide not to agree, then maybe "civilized behavior" isn't an appropriate frame for their interaction.