

Peter Abelard and Reconciling Epicurean Philosophy with Christianity through Dialogue

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for by such doctrine alone, they say, which robs death of all its terrors, can the highest form of human courage be developed.

It's not Epicurean by any means (you mention "Pythagorean" in fact), but it's their way of saying "[Death is nothing to us!](#)" For a people that were known to have gone into battle naked with slicked-back spiky hair accompanied by the bellowing sounds of the carnyx war-horns, they had to convince themselves that death held no sting. I've always had a soft spot for the Celts and the druids and thought it a shame we had to rely on Roman and Greek textual sources. But as I understand the druids were distrustful of writing and demanded their students memorize their vast corpus of oral texts. Not unlike Epicurus encouraging his students to memorize texts to have them close at hand when needed.