

# Joshua's "Only The Beginning" Observation

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## Quote

So someone who learns about what Epicurus taught adds to their knowledge regardless of whether they ever convince many others of its truth, or whether they have time to engage in as many pleasures as they might like. While it is nice to see numbers increase and more people share the view and add to the number of our friends, a large part of the benefit of the philosophy comes no matter how many or how few people accept it.

[Cassius](#), that's a good point- yet I'm wondering if that correlates with the pursuit of pleasure in friendship. What that means is that I don't know of any Epicurean people in my surroundings. By dedicating myself to the Epicurean lifestyle, that would mean that I couldn't lead deep and meaningful relations with people around me, simply because we would talk "on different pages". I already notice this a bit: if someone is contemplating their bad grades, it's increasingly difficult to be understanding and compassionate, while having the thought in the back of the mind "their note isn't of any importance to their life, it won't change their happiness at all". The world is filled with so much chatter and gossip, that when one dedicates to the pursuit of pleasure and wisdom, it's difficult to find people who don't participate in this and don't believe in a God-given mission to be the best possible version of themselves (also, this slogan is already so annoying: "be the best possible version of yourself"- in my understanding, that's the definition of always striving, but never reaching and be content. Why do people think that this mode of life is so good?!)