

Cultivation of Friendship within Epicureanism

Post by “Kalosyni” of January 17, 2022 at 12:58 PM

I found this and wanted to cross reference...as it brings up some interesting ideas:

Post

[Friendship as Supported by the Canon, Physics, and Ethics](#)

I have had a private and enjoyable conversation with a member about Epicurean friendship, and I think it has been a while since we specifically discussed friendship here. The member had a question about how "agape", an ancient Greek term for love which has been used for a sort of general charity and well-wishing by Christians, might be able to blend with our philosophy.

Here is a good example of how, by sticking to the original 3 part philosophic structure of Canon, Physics, and Ethics, and by...

Elayne

August 21, 2019 at 7:15 PM

Quote

In the above linked thread, Elayne writes:

PD 39 and VS 28, remind us that because we are using reality-based processes, not idealistic concepts, we will not have anything to do with virtues that treat all humans the same. We will not use abstract consequentialism. We must use our observations and feelings to find out who is a friend to us and who is not.

And so now, some further pragmatic advice...we need to reach out and make "bids" for connection. Just researching this idea on the internet...I found this excellent article, and the advice is for everyone, regardless of gender. This is such a good article, so please read the whole thing, if you feel so inclined. 😊

Quote

But as far as getting that cycle going, "it does take some push from someone," she says. "I think a lot of people, myself included, can sometimes get stuck. Like 'They haven't called me, so I'm not going to call them.' If you want to talk to your friend just call them. You don't have to play chicken about who's going to take the first step."

Rawlins, however, doesn't care for the bid concept. "I don't think of friendships in economic terms," he says. "I don't think about 'investing' in friends. I see friendship as an ongoing conversation. A way of literally coauthoring the story of our relationship."

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