

Cultivation of Friendship within Epicureanism

Post by "Cassius" of January 22, 2022 at 1:14 AM

[Quote from Scott](#)

(I'm the one of the world's WORST small talkers. I've never been comfortable with it.)

I suspect I am in close competition with you and I bet if we thought about it that might be a trademark of the "Epicurean personality" - or at least the "Lucretian" personality!

How's this for good small talk with the next cute person you meet at a party:

Let's get right to the heart of the matter: You're wasting your life pursuing virtue! There is no god to protect you! Stop hoping for heaven or thinking that bad people go to hell! Hang some skeleton pictures on your wall and remember that death is just around the corner! And with death comes eternal nothingness - and that means FOREVER!

What do you mean that you don't care about infinite divisibility? Don't you see how crucial that is to your happiness? Or even to walking across the floor?

And are you trying to tell me that you don't think the issue of whether the universe is eternal or whether space is infinite doesn't have a direct influence on how you're going to spend your weekend?

Geesh how shortsighted can you be ? ! ?

