

# On Where The Boundaries Of Proper Discussion At EpicureanFriends And In Open Forums May Exist (AKA - To What Extent Is "Direct Realism" Relevant to Epicurean Philosophy?)

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

I think the key to longer-term involvement, and what I want to encourage, is that basically everyone who comes here and decides that they agree with most of the basics should understand that it would be desirable (if they conclude Epicurus is right) to cultivate their own circles of friends with similar viewpoints in their local lives

*looks outside*

*See masks and the ongoing pandemic*

*goes inside again*

No, but seriously: I agree, and thats something which still troubles me. But I also fear that during the current pandemic, there isn't really any way to open up new Epicurean groups... still, thats an interesting topic (and one on which there's a lot in this forum, if I'm not mistaken).

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think one of the benefits of this forum is that people can come here and search for information on obscure topics, and now they will find that we have something on "Direct Realism."

Absolutely. To be honest, the beauty of such a forum is that I can select topics which interest me. I don't follow your discussions about certain "narrow" topics, as I simply haven't arrived there yet, but I love to participate in broader discussions of concepts. Thats normal, thats the nature of the forum.

And, regarding that new members might be dissuaded by some narrow concepts- I'm not sure I can fully agree. yes, that's entirely possible, but I took myself a bit of time before joining this forum, and during this time a lot of stuff happened. So even if there's an an entry about some very narrow topic, this forum isn't just about such topics, but about many others, more interesting to beginners such as me, as well. That's, as far as I understand, absolutely ok. I'm still amazed that "you", participants who know A LOT more about Epicurus, answer to questions

and topics of people such as myself, and I'm very grateful for that. I honestly dont know why you do that- it seems extremely boring to me to talk about stuff you already know-, but I'm glad that you do it. Thanks!