

An Article on Epicurean Views of Marriage From An Interesting Source Website.

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I haven't read the article (and in light of [Kalosyni](#) 's review may skip it).

This does bring up the thought for me that marriage was a completely different institution in ancient Greece than today. And I do NOT advocate any kind of return to that btw.

It also brings up the topic of friendship. Friends were absolutely necessary in ancient world too. There was no "social safety net." Unless you were independently wealthy (which it appears Epicurus and others were) you were out of luck if you got sick or just got old. You relied on your friends to help you.

Now, we hope to have marriages between friends for companionship, mutual support, etc.

We also have professionals in elder care, hospitals, hospices, etc. That doesn't mean we don't need a social support system!

So, the need for friends fills a slightly different niche than it did 2,000 years ago.