

Rarely read writer DeCasseres on Epicurus' great discovery

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Thanks for the warm welcome (or returning welcome...not sure... 😊)

Anyhoo...I've been roaming a variety of philosophic materials and came across DeCasseres in my exploration of Egoism. It is possibly the most despised set of ideas from virtually all others, which reminded me of the line in chapter one of Dewitt's book about Epicurus being "*at the same time the most revered and most reviled. Of all founders of thought in the Greco-Roman world.*"

If I am honest with myself, I must admit to placing concerns for my own well-being, pleasure, pain, enjoyment, suffering, etc. ahead of others most of the time. I presume I don't need to explain to folks here that this does not involve callousness or a lack of compassion, kindness, etc.

This honest reference to oneself and one's own pleasure and pain as the arbitrator of what is good is one of the reasons I feel drawn to Epicurus.

As to your question about DeCasseres' sympathies towards Nietzsche [Cassius](#), I'm not sure but will see what else I can find. Certainly, Nietzsche is well established as an Egoist writer, but I am not clear on what the various writers thought of each other. As I come across interesting material, I can share it here.