

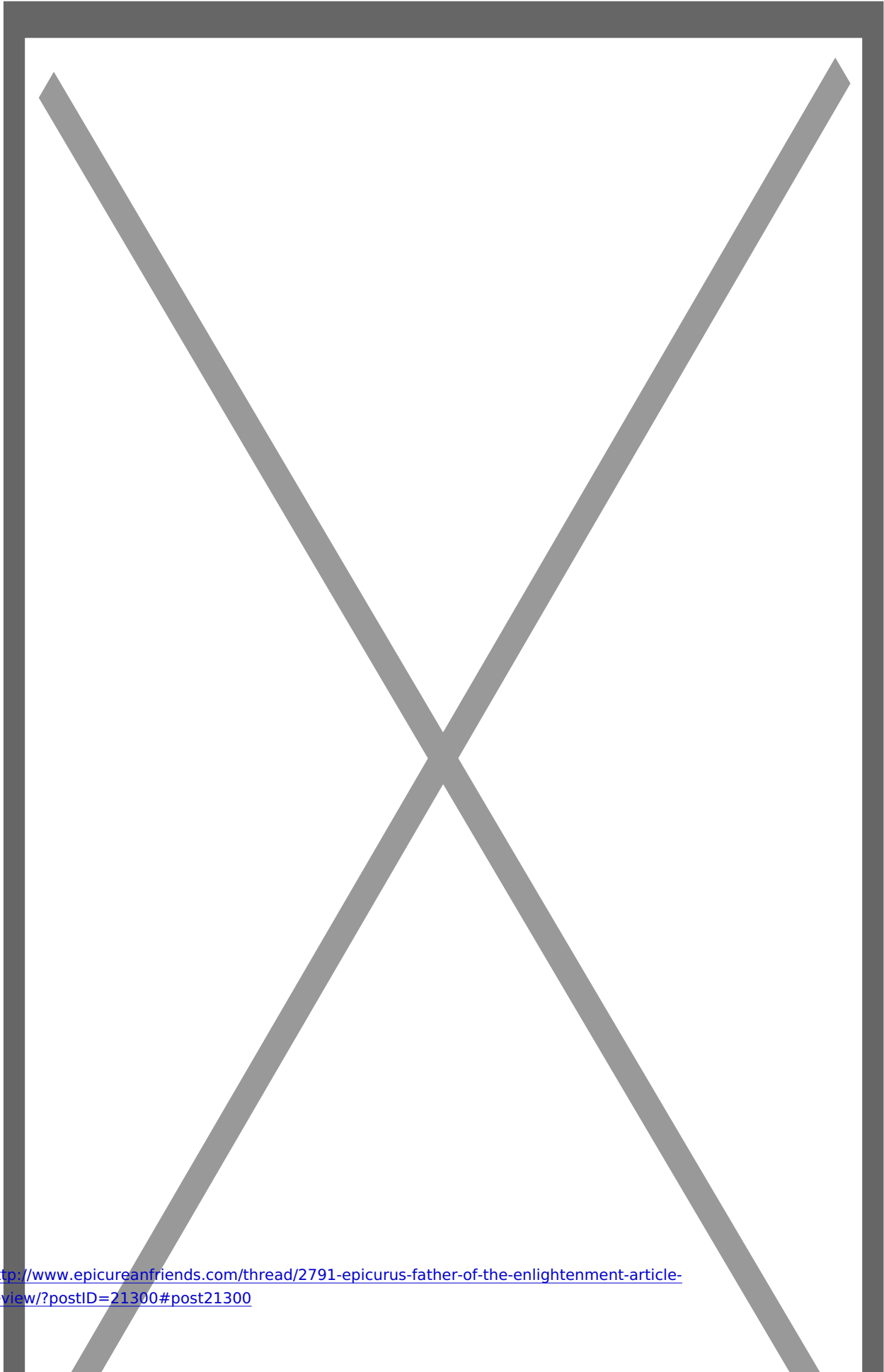
# **"Epicurus, Father of the Enlightenment" Article Review**

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Epicurus: Father of the Enlightenment Sean Gabb (This is the text of a lecture given on the 6th September 2007 to the 6/20 Club in London) Abstract Epicurus...  
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I just read this article and I think is very comprehensive. I wonder if more people in the forums have read it and what their opinion is. As to the points you make [Cassius](#) I think it's clear that Epicurus was a scientist albeit without the resemblance to the modern methodology, and perhaps also without the education that would let him see math as a tool rather than as a means to manipulate people (like he thought of rhetoric, poetry too, no?), so it wouldn't surprise me if there's a quote somewhere stating "he had derided math", but it wouldn't worry me either, as it would be related more the the way the tool was being used by its contemporaries, than to the tool itself.

From this, I think there's an analogy to be made about his concern for politics. I agree with you that such an active individual wouldn't shy away from action with the potential to shape their world/experience/pleasure (he even advocated against passiveness), but perhaps what he rejected was the falling in the trap of the useless politics game, which I can only assume was less effective than it is today.