

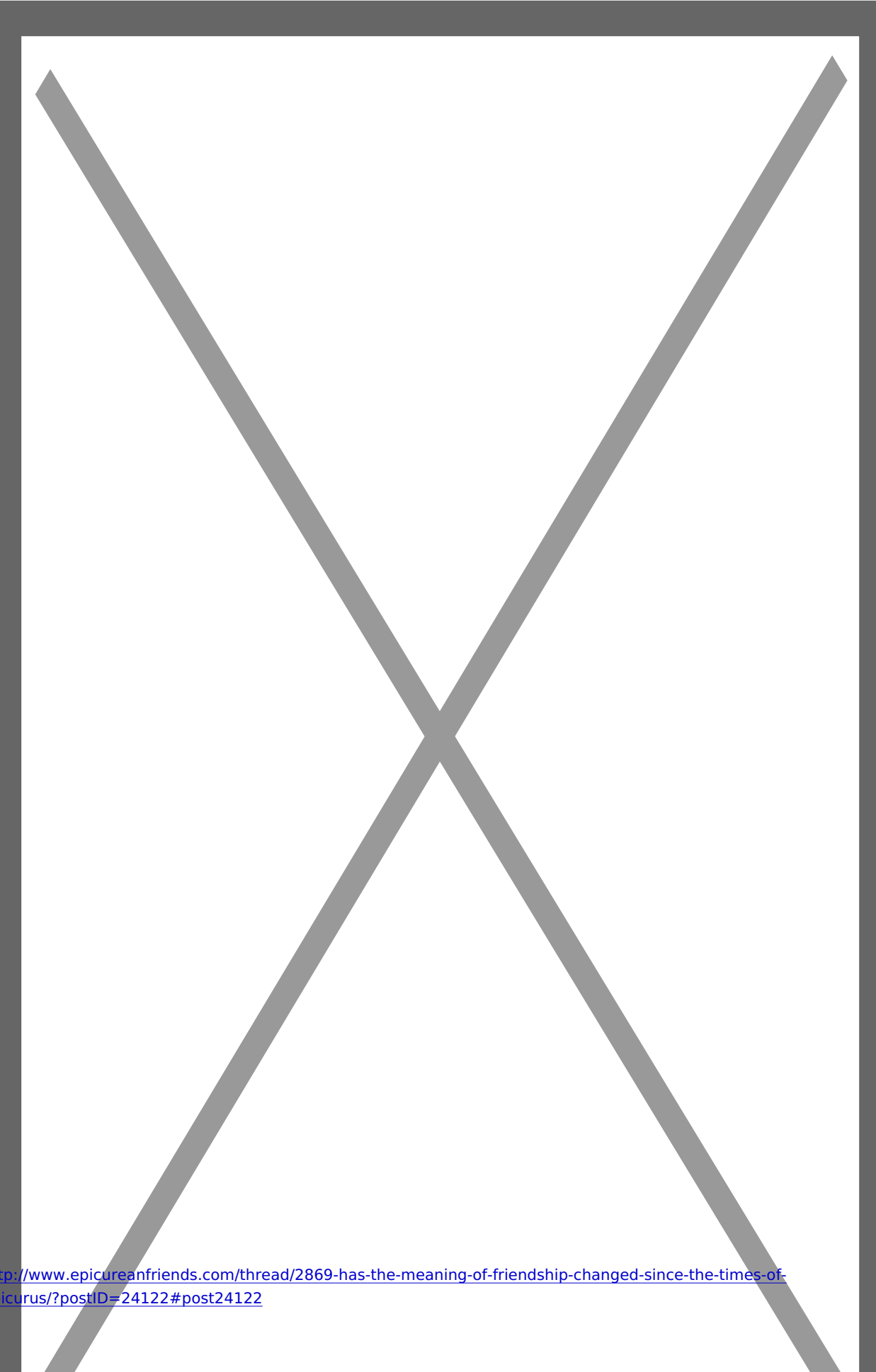
# Has the meaning of friendship changed since the times of Epicurus

Post by "Don" of May 22, 2023 at 7:46 PM

[Pacatus](#) raises an interesting point.

The word that Epicurus consistently uses that is translated "friend, friendship" is philos, philia φίλος, φιλία.

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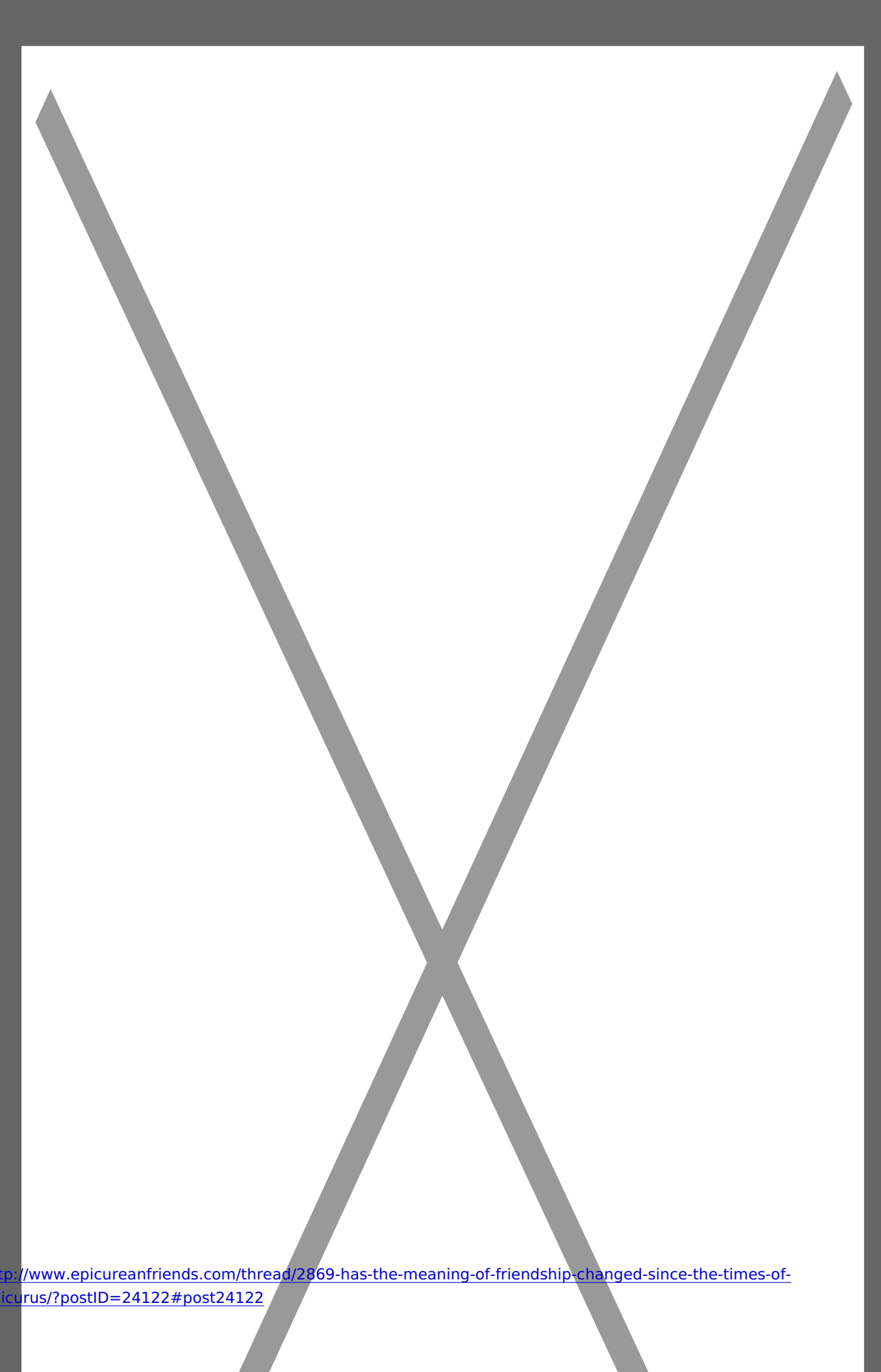
[Philia - Wikipedia](#)

[en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, φιλία](#)

Ancient Greek had several words that evoked gradations and varieties of affection or love. I'm curious which one would be closest to [Pacatus](#)'s "neighborliness" scenario.

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[Greek words for love - Wikipedia](#)

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Maybe xenia (ξενία, xenía) instead of philia?