

Cultivation of Friendship within Epicureanism

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[Quote from Randall Moose](#)

With that said, I am surprised that there is not more focus on friendships here. Unless I am missing something?

One complication is that we're all spread across the world.

That said, [Kalosyni](#) and [Cassius](#) have led efforts to have more online social opportunities including book discussions, happy hours, monthly 20th gatherings, etc. Those have been wonderful opportunities to meet real people, have conversations, and establish friendships as far as one can across vast time zones. If one wants to call those acquaintances or friendships is a matter of semantics I suppose. I've personally felt welcomed here, and have shared, privately and publicly, tragedies and triumphs with friends I've made here. I also probably wouldn't have "stuck with" Epicureanism these past five years if not for this Garden. That's my personal response.

That said, if you're talking about expecting more discussions concerning friendship, I could see that being beneficial. I'm glad to hear that the philosophy has been beneficial in your friendships! That's the kind of practical application that is encouraged here. But I could see more threads on "what does Epicurean friendship mean in the modern world without Gardens available?" to be interesting and helpful.

That turned into a longer post than initially intended 😊 I hope that addresses your concern a bit.