

Philosophy in Italy

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I promised to translate all my new Italian post on Epicuro.org in English. Today I wrote two new posts, but they are a lot "Italian". So I'll try to resume and explain them here.

An appeal for philosophy

I fully share the appeal of Romanae Disputationes to give more importance to the study of philosophy in the Italian school, in particular to introduce it also in the technical study addresses where it is traditionally absent.

The reason for this request is explained very simply by the poster itself:

Why philosophy?

Because it opens the mind of man to free thought Because it teaches to ask the right questions and not to give hasty answers

Because it forces us to give reasons for what we think and what we say Because it moves to look for the meaning of all things in relation to the whole that surrounds them

Because it forms men capable of exercising criticism Because it reminds us that science and technology are for the good of man

Because he asks what is justice, good, happiness Because it gives dignity to politics by not reducing it to a technique of consent

Because he teaches to argue Because he always asks us what we think we know

Because he always asks us how we know what we know

Speaking of teaching philosophy I am reminded of what Don Milani's students said in their book "Letter to a teacher". A thought that makes sense of the work I'm doing here on Epicuro.org.

The philosophers studied in the manual all become hateful. They are too many and have said too many things. Our professor has never lined up. It is not clear if everyone is doing well or if they don't care about anyone.

I prefer a maniac between an indifferent professor and a maniac. One who has either a thought of his own or a philosopher that suits him. You speak only of that, say evil of others, read it on the original for three years in a row.

We will sort of school convinced that philosophy can fill a life.

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Here it is. That's exactly how it is, I hope those who happen by chance on this site understand that philosophy can fill a life. The philosophy of Epicurus in particular.

You can have more info in: <http://romanaedisputationes.com/>

And you can learn about Lorenzo Milani here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorenzo_Milani

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