

# Forward vs Backward Momentum

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Yes Julia I need to be more clear and avoid irony / sarcasm in some formulations, and you are right that "orthodox" has confusing possibilities.

Most of the time I use the term I am referring to "modern orthodoxy," rather than an attitude of actually attempting to be true to the Epicurean views of 2000 years ago. In my experience "orthodoxy" has always had a very negative connotation, and that's why I tend to use it negatively and rarely if ever positively. But you are right, loose references are likely to be confusing, and I plan to work on avoiding the term unless I am very clearly spelling out the meaning I intend.

Well, yes, but: What's the difference between this "modern orthodoxy" and "neo-Epicurean"?

## [Quote from Don](#)

I also found an alternate version online:

If I may add:

- olim non fuimus, nati sumus unde, quieti nunc sumus, ut fuimus, cura relicta (CIL 8.4840) [This one is a bit long]
- non fui, fui, non sum, non desidero (CIL 6.38506) [Too Buddhist for me...]
- non fui, et sum, non ero, non mihi dolet (CIL 6.9258) [Too Stoic for me...]
- non fui, deinde fui, modo non sum (CIL 2.404) [Getting closer]

→ "Non fui, nunc sum, non ero" would be great, but I'm unhappy because I just made it up 😞 (Is it even correct Latin? My Latin is practically non-existent. (I know the historical ones were just made up once upon a time, too; but their being historical makes them feel different to me.)) Of the historical ones, so far I might like best the one Don brought up, "Non fui, fui, memini, non sum, non curo" (CIL 13.530):

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Hmmm 😊