

# Toronto Canada Meetup Group (Discussion on Implementation)

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Report on the in-person March Eikas in Toronto:

This was the group's second meetup and the first pot luck.

It was generally a good discussion and the people were generally pleased, but I learned a few lessons on how to improve it as well.

There were about 20 people present. We went around the circle for a chance to say names and add any other comment (suggestions being why you came, what a good life means to you, or something about the food). This brought up some questions which I talked about a bit, such as about the "gods don't trouble us" and "[death is nothing to us](#)" points. I also introduced some of the justice concepts that we didn't get to in the first meeting (no absolute justice, only by agreement). Someone asked about the natural/necessary taxonomy, which led to questions about the Epicurean view of sex (which I described as being generally more trouble than it's worth).

The conversation took a turn towards the benefits or harms of technology, and through the mention of the harms of social media, led to a discussion of anger and rage and whether one or both or neither are useful. Then it was time to pack up so I steered the topic back toward the idea of applying anger towards useful action.

Lesson #1: saying "bring whatever you want" to a pot luck, and especially in a place without kitchen facilities, led to more of a collection of snacks than a full meal. So for next time, I'm going to implement a more organized signup system where people can sign up for each of the components of a complete meal.

Other tasks to also be delegated include being background music DJ and being gatekeeper/welcomer, both of which I did myself and were distracting.

Lesson #2: The later conversation meandered and felt somewhat random. A unifying topic will help to guide the discussion. A good one to start with for next time: "What does friendship mean to you?"

Lesson #3: I always imagined these events as a single circle, with all of us facing each other and speaking together, but I also never imagined there being more than 5-10 people showing up. 20 barely holds together as a single conversation circle, and it doesn't give enough time for each person to talk. So next time, I will have at least part of the event broken into smaller groups of maybe around 5-6.