

Epicurean Or Not? "Fiat Justitia ruat caelo" (Let Justice be done though the sky falls)

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For some reason this comes to my mind too: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_Quality_of_Mercy

"The quality of mercy is not strained, it droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes.' [Shakespeare](#), [The Merchant of Venice](#), but applicable to any moment in time, to any group of soldiery, to any nation on the face of the Earth—or, as in this case, to the Twilight Zone."

Even today in a non-Epicurean society we praise law and justice, and yet we also have and praise (at times) the executive right to pardon. If we really think about how pardons can be "just" then I think the Epicurean perspective begins to come into focus. (And that's not to mention our legal concepts of the separation between "courts of law" and "courts of equity.")