

New Home Page Video: How Can The Wise Epicurean Always Be Happy?

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By the time I post this message version 2 of this video will be live, with a significantly improved voice. It's still far from perfect, but much better.

Not as an apology but as a statement of fact, Hollywood-quality video doesn't spring into existence overnight. It's going to take a process for those of us who are interested in producing these things to get better and better, and enlist more and more sophisticated technology, over time.

One way this may work is to treat the interim steps as learning exercises every step along the way. Hearing and seeing even a less-than-perfect video can allow us to better imagine what a superior effort might look like.

Not the least of the issues to resolve is the text of any such presentation. An infinite variety of choices are possible, and among the most difficult is that of choosing whether to present to an existing educated fan-base of Epicurus, or to target the presentation more simplistically to convey key points to those who are not currently aware of the details.

Obviously this video currently caters to potential "future" Epicureans more than to those of us who have read the original texts many times.

More changes are coming as we get closer and closer to something really usable. I've received some very helpful suggestions already in private conversation on the technology side of the video, and though I can't promise to incorporate everything (the "too many cooks in the kitchen" and the "camel as a horse designed by committee problems) every comment good and bad is valuable.

Once I get the TTS engine further improved it will be time to ramp it up and produce reasonable (and free) public domain media versions of Lucretius and other core texts that would not be practical for us to record with a live speaker.

<https://youtu.be/LW7I6Adxmiw>