

Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

Post by “Mike Anyayahan” of January 10, 2020 at 10:32 AM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

All of your posts have been very constructive and as far as I am concerned it is very proper that you are here. We aren't in the business of "judging" anyone as a person, we're just evaluating posts as they come in and trying to build a like-minded community.

Thanks [Cassius](#) When I came across Epicureanism, I took time studying the basic principles using all the available resources or references I could have such as the original texts, Wikipedia, blogs, social media conversations, and Youtube videos. Immediately, I fell in love with all the teachings of Epicurus...except only in the context of god.

But that does not affect Epicurus' credibility to me since I never dogmatize any philosophical system. I hold on to a philosophical system through understanding of its coherence and not through blind faith.

Therefore, it is not the whole package of the puzzle that I judge but every parts of the puzzle. If most parts of the puzzle are telling me the whole picture, I don't need the last few pieces just to make a judgement. If I make an analogy, I can say I am still a human being even if my hands and feet are cut off.

This is why I did not hesitate to self-declare that I am an Epicurean even though I have doubts on one part which on the context of god.

I'm curious if there is such a thing as conservative Epicureans who demand 100% fidelity to Epicurus, and I want to know whether or not they can consider me an Epicurean.