

Request For Suggestions For Entries in This "Epicurean Figures of the Past" Forum

Post by "Cassius" of September 24, 2020 at 8:09 AM

Thanks Don - that is going to be another productive source for names. Caesar's father in law seems clearly to have been an activist of sorts, and I gather there are references in Cicero that can be used to mine at least some details of his life and activities.

As to the wiki comment "a school of Epicureanism that had been modified to befit politicians, as Epicureanism itself favoured withdrawal from politics" - well we all have our own opinions as to the accuracy of that statement!

Because in fact "a school of Epicureanism that had been modified to befit politicians" is a much better description of the "quietist" version of Epicurus, since the "quietists" are much less of a threat to the political class than are more rigorous Epicureans like Jefferson, Wright, Caesar, or Cassius Longinus.

And speaking of the political If I can find the time to dig more out of Frances Wright, it seems she was extremely concerned about "chartered" monopolies and banks and such, segments of society closely related to the professional careerist political class that it seems most everyone agrees that Epicurus was truly warning against, at a minimum. That's a list composed of people who would much rather see quietism taught than the kind of uncompromising search for honesty and truth represented by the Epicurean activists.