

Companion to Greek and Roman Political Thought

Post by "Don" of September 25, 2022 at 8:20 AM



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This book has some interesting sections, especially the one starting on p 485.

One thought: the authors talk about the Garden being a residential community where all the Epicureans lived together. I'm still not convinced that this was the case. I can imagine some students and senior teachers lived there but it seems more likely it was a "commuter" school. This opinion of mine partially comes from the fact that enslaved people were welcomed. Those people would have lived at their masters house and would have attended Garden classes on their "days off" I would assume. Same with women - I would assume were mostly hetairai since those women had the most freedom of movement in ancient Greece from my understanding.

I'm any case, an interesting book with scatterings regarding Epicurus in it.

Post by "Cassius" of September 25, 2022 at 9:18 AM

FWIW I see the essay you are referring to is called "False Idles - The Politics of the Quiet Life" which looks to contain a lot of general background and isn't focused exclusively on Epicurus. Haven't had a chance to look at it but does look interesting.