

Site Usage Feedback - February 2023

Post by "Cassius" of February 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM

We are considering some changes to the layout of the home page here at Epicureanfriends.com, and I'd like to solicit your comments.

I am expecting that most of us who are regulars simply come to the page and look for the red dot on notifications, then use that drop-down menu to make sure they have seen the latest postings.

That's one of my key presumptions behind how the site is set up, so let me know if that's a questionable presumption!

As to newer people, I don't think we want them having to hunt through the menus to find important topics, and that's why the home page has such a large selection from so many different areas of the forum.

On the other hand, I am sure that some people find the amount of information on the home page overwhelming. What we have here is a tradeoff between those who don't often see so much information in one place vs those who want to use their first visit as the test of whether they come back again, so they want to see what the site offers in one place rather than clicking around. I tend to think that people motivated enough to come to a site on Epicurus are of the latter camp who won't be scared away by too much text. But in fact I know some will, and that's one reason why over the years the number of websites we are affiliated with here has mushroomed from the original <http://www.newepicurean.com> to many more (most of which are listed [here](#) - many of which don't get much use).

Anyway it is time for a spring cleaning and any comments on how you use the site, what you might like to see changed in the way it looks, etc - are welcome. Can't promise we will implement them but it would be very helpful to hear your comments no matter how "off the wall" they might be.

Post by "Godfrey" of February 16, 2023 at 5:06 PM

I can't comment on the home page.... As for how I use the site, I've got the "unread posts" page bookmarked; that's my entry point to everything here.

Post by “Joshua” of February 16, 2023 at 5:37 PM

Yep. Notifications (not push notifications, just the red dot on the top right), unread posts (red dot top left), and heavy use of the "recent" tab. Also, the chat box that pops up from bottom right never fails to drive me to distraction. When I try to make it go away it gets bigger...when I do finally manage to close it I just go the notifications area and click on whatever chat I haven't read, and read it there. There's probably a way to disable that from my settings...

Post by “Don” of February 16, 2023 at 5:44 PM

[Quote from Joshua](#)

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Ditto... Plus primarily use the site on my Android phone.