

March 4, 2024 - First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Discussion - Via Zoom

Post by “Kalosyni” of February 29, 2024 at 8:56 AM



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8pm ET

First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Hour



"Meditate therefore on these things and things akin to them night and day by yourself; and with a companion like to yourself, and never shall you be disturbed waking or asleep, but you shall live like a god among men. For a man who lives among immortal blessings is not like unto a mortal being." (Letter to Menoeceus)

This month's discussion topic:

"Don't let the perfect be the

Coming up this next Monday is our First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Discussion - Via Zoom at 8pm ET - Open to forum members.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Meet-and-greet for any new members who have not previously attended a Zoom meeting
3. Epicurean Philosophy Discussion

This month's topic: "Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good" - see [this thread for more on the topic](#).

We'll have time for open discussion beyond the special topic, such as current popular forum threads or questions.

If you are new or haven't attended before then let us know if you are interested by posting in this thread or message Cassius or myself.

Previous attendees will already be on the list and will receive a private message about a day or two before the meeting which will contain the link (no need to RSVP beforehand). Hope to see you there! 😊

Post by “Cassius” of March 1, 2024 at 8:50 PM

Here is a link to more on the topic for Monday (the aphorism as to not letting the perfect be the enemy of the good). We've previously discussed this here and it would be interesting to discuss if there are any examples in Epicurean literature of the same point. One possibility is here:

Post

[RE: The Importance Of The Perfect Not Being Allowed To Be The Enemy of The Good](#)

I understand that Kalosyni may make this topic a part of our "First Monday* zoom for 3/4/24.

In addition to what has already been stated in the thread, I wonder if people can think of passages from the main Epicurean texts which support the point.

After thinking for a while without coming up with anything, I wonder if we should not include

the "Romantic Intoxication" passage in Lucretius Book 4 as almost exactly on point. Is not a major part of that passage the goal of showing that looking for a...



Cassius

March 1, 2024 at 5:16 PM

Post by "Kalosyni" of March 5, 2024 at 9:14 AM

Thank you to all who came to our First Monday Zoom discussion last night. We had a total of seven people. I greatly enjoyed our discussion on "don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good".

TauPhi brought up that the aphorism can also be about spending too much time over-thinking instead of taking action (if I am paraphrasing correctly)...which totally makes sense, and which I hadn't thought of before.

Cassius presented several good questions to spur on the discussion regarding the aphorism...one such question being if any of us found that we dealt with this in our own lives.

We discussed several places within Epicurean philosophy which can be related to this aphorism....and [this came up, the Letter to Pythocles](#).