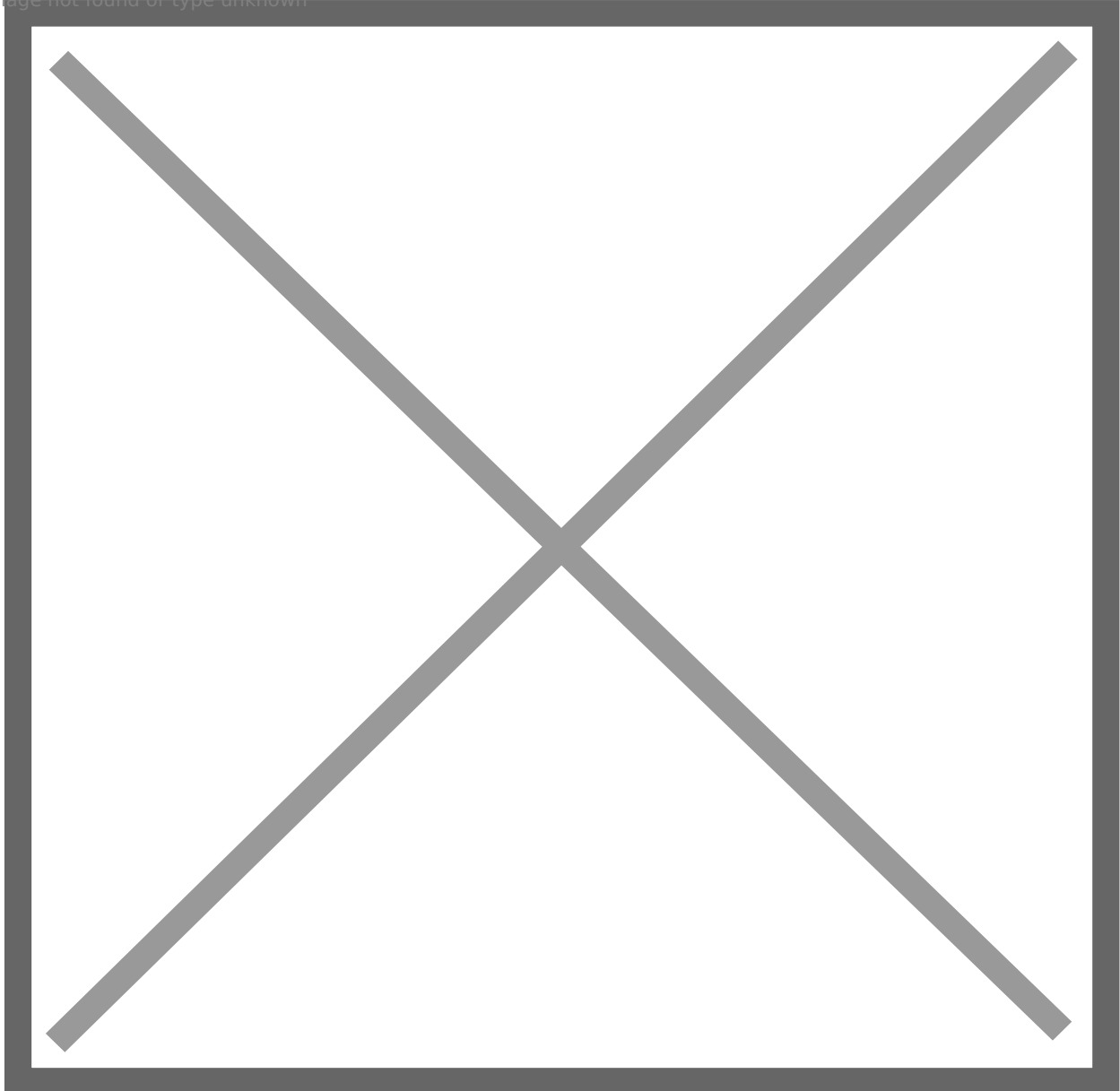


# Unfortunate Use of Bust of Epicurus

Post by "Don" of September 15, 2024 at 12:58 PM

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[Blood, sweat and testes: rich men have always wanted to live for ever](#)

Today's dubious anti-ageing treatments look a lot like those of history. Just look at Louis XIII or Pope Innocent VIII

[www.theguardian.com](http://www.theguardian.com)

The illustrator used a bust of Epicurus for an article about wanting to live forever throughout history. I can't think of a more inappropriate historical figure to use for an illustration than Epicurus 😞😞

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### **Post by “Cassius” of September 15, 2024 at 3:52 PM**

If he was going to pick one to grossly misuse, i can see why he picked that particular one. It continues to be my least favorite reflection of Epicurus' intensity, which is probably the same reason that it is so favored in some quarters.

I don't see how the writer came up with that choice at all, unless he was looking for something portraying whimsical detachment from reality, combined with a touch of sadness that I think results from the damage to the eyebrow and the lack of paint that was probably in the eyes that would have prevented current blankness

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### **Post by “Don” of September 15, 2024 at 8:07 PM**

In deference to the author, I'm sure they had nothing to do with the illustration. Some *Guardian* staff artist used a composite of Getty Images they found. Sloppy. At least it wasn't AI??

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### **Post by “Cassius” of September 15, 2024 at 8:11 PM**

When I first looked at the photo i was on my phone -- Now i see that the image behind Epicurus is probably some kind of transfusion apparatus (given the article?)

So maybe I shouldn't take such a dim view of the collage -- if we could all receive a blood transfusion from Epicurus, we'd probably all be much better off! We may have to adopt that kind of imagery ourselves at some point! 😊

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### **Post by “Don” of September 16, 2024 at 7:25 AM**

### [Quote from Cassius](#)

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I do hope you're being intentionally provocative, because I come to the opposite view. Epicurus is very clear that we have to do our own work. Too many commentators take Epicurus's "dogmatic" position to mean blind loyalty. I go back to its literal Greek use of taking a position vs remaining skeptical of everything. Using that "blood transfusion" metaphor, to me, plays into that erroneous stereotype, even in jest.

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### **Post by “Cassius” of September 16, 2024 at 12:35 PM**

Yep I am jesting. I'm not aware of any good arguments that we pick up ideas through blood transfusions 😊

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### **Post by “kochiekoch” of September 16, 2024 at 1:21 PM**

You know I think I get it. The Guardian creator of the illustration looked for some old statue with a pleased, satisfied look, as he was being transfused, and came up with a picture of Epicurus looking just that way.

LOL!!! wouldn't he/she be surprised if they knew anything about the man at all! And his views on death! ☐☐

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### **Post by “Cassius” of September 16, 2024 at 2:18 PM**

Good point Kochie!