

# What In Your Opinion Are the Most Essential Characteristics Of "Being An Epicurean" (According to Epicurus)?

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Hopefully this discussion will produce some good material for us to discuss well into the future. I am thinking of developing a discussion format around this in which we could conduct an online discussion of how to "rank" these elements. visually, I think we can collaborate in an interview format with something like this, the purpose of which would be to rearrange the elements into the interviewees preferred format and ordering:



## Essentials of Being Epicurean

1. The person holds that Epicurus's views of the existence of divine beings is an important part of Epicurean philosophy.
2. The person holds that it is not necessary to live eternally in order to experience a full life.
3. The person holds that morality, including justice, is relative to the goal of pleasure, and not absolute.
4. The person holds that the "pleasure" which Epicurus held to be the goal of life includes joy and delight and active pleasures, and means more than "absence of pain."
5. The person holds that pleasure is the goal of life.
6. The person holds that sensation, rather than "logic," is the foundation of knowledge.
7. The person holds that the ultimate particles have the ability to swerve and therefore humans have a degree of "free will."
8. The person holds that the universe is eternal in time.
9. The person holds that the universe is infinite in size.
10. The person holds that the universe is material in nature.
11. The person holds that there are no supernatural gods.
12. The person holds that there is no life after death.
13. The person holds that virtue is instrumental to pleasure and not an end in itself.