

Welcome ResponsiblyFree!

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Hi Cassius

I am pleased you find that my version of Epicurus aligns with your community's.

I will enjoy discussing our versions of Epicurus on your podcast. I listened to 079 and liked the respectful banter, each comfortable in bringing his ideas out. I think I can add to the discussion and look forward to that--aligning with my New Zealand time.

I would like to discuss three themes: Friendship; Freedom/Determinism; and Older Age.

In that earlier attachment photo of the pocketbook I carried and still carry around: A Guide To Happiness (have you seen that Phoenix 60p paperback published in 1995?).

Page 18 on Friendship:

“#17. Of all the means which are presented by wisdom to ensure happiness throughout the whole of life, by far the most important is friendship.” I call my Voluntarist group I started up in NZ: Free Friends (see attachment and note etymological origin of “friend” and “free” are the same and it is “love”).

Page 8 on Freedom/Determinism:

“He laughs at destiny which some have set up as the ruler of all things. He thinks that with us lies the chief power in determining events, some of which happened according to natural law, others by chance, others through our own agency. He sees that natural law cannot be called to account for itself, that chance is inconstant, but that our own actions are free.”

Page 15 on Older Age:

“It is not the young man who should be thought happy, but an old man who has lived a good life. For the young man at the height of his powers is unstable and is carried this way and that by fortune, like a headlong stream. But the old man has come to anchor in old age as though in port, and the good things for which before he hardly hoped he has brought into safe harborage in his grateful recollection.”

Attached is my document on my Free Friends, a shot of my pocketbook I took the quotes from, an Epicurus meme as well as chapter one from

A Harmony Within-Five Who Took Refuge-A Study in Creative Withdrawal that is on Epicurus.

I will be giving you a link soon with hundreds of books, articles, etc. on Epicurus for the community to download for free.

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All the best, Jack