

Tim O'Keefe's "Epicurean Guide To Christmas" (An Article And Responses)

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It's interesting that the pendulum swings both ways for the adversaries of Epicurus. The Platonists, Stoics, Eastern philosophers, and religionists at one end of the spectrum that hold sway over much of society/religion and at the other end a malignant secular technological nihilism that hides behind the scenes attempting to convince the world that since life ends at death, there is no point in any meaningful philosophy but rather live in an artificial technological world in isolation while getting minor dopamine dumps every so often. As bad as the former are...the pantheist, virtue seekers and religious zealots...who have held sway for 2000 years... it's my opinion that they are no longer the greater threat. The latter is. The former have been seduced by the latter and they too are now firmly under the influence of a very "dark" power that strikes at the heart of all societies that have LAN and Wi-Fi access points and are willing to submit their lives to technological progress.

This is a new axial age. The internet is causing old time religion and philosophy of all sorts to slam into each other like a massive particle accelerator. Not to mention the myriad of disinformation and other monstrously hostile platforms and agents that exist out there that are meant to deceive us (and future generations) just for the sake of it.

It is my opinion that this is the current war. In this new world of the internet all the "black mold" in the walls that exist in religion other idealistic philosophies are on full display and are ready for massive criticism. Many of these ideologies are losing credibility. But in the vacuum what will replace them? The Church of Meta? The Synagogue of Instagram? The Temple of TikTok? I'm only half kidding...but the reality is that the artificial world of the internet has manifested itself in the real world and has taken hold.

How to fight...use the Canon. As the dear late Amrinder Singh once created a meme of the Canon being likened to a weapon "cannon". We need to use the Canon to appeal to others who are lost and have doubt. Perhaps more Epicureans will spring up. This is the time to spread the word of Epicurean Philosophy.