

Exploration of Epicurean Concepts of Justice, Contracts, & Not to Harm or Be Harmed

Post by “Matt” of January 1, 2022 at 2:12 PM

[Kalosyni](#) absolutely, if you are sharing a real life environment with likeminded people who are pursuing individual pleasure it is important to maintain a social compact of doing “no harm” within the confines of the society you are in. However, all compacts aren’t universal even among homogenous ideologically minded people. Living in a group of people who share your mindset only amplifies your safety, it doesn’t ever permanently ensure it. No compact that I am aware of could ever work in that way. As much as we all wish it could...

For me I pursue Epicurean philosophy from a less academic but more lived perspective. Using my own experience to test the philosophy. I am a career military member and formerly a person who worked for the Judicial Branch of my home state. For me Epicurean philosophy is not theory, but application. An application that must work in all forms of life. I know of Epicurean people who live in places like Mexico, who live in particular fear of cartel violence and others who live in countries that would deem Epicurean philosophy blasphemous. For those people these online forums are their only outlet in a society that has made compacts to destroy them.

Building the Garden as you have said is one where everyone has a shared Epicurean goal...you would teach culinary activities and other types pleasurable forms of living, while others would practice medicine, law and yet still others will be law enforcement and military. But we share a common goal not to harm each other...is it a permanent assurance? No. It can’t be because no idealistic Utopia exists, but it would be a very good place to be.