

Elayne's personal outline

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Y'all can probably see why I was so excited to find out about Epicureans. The prevailing ideas around me, even for non religious people, include that we are somehow "one consciousness", that we can be enlightened by losing our sense of self, that the ego is undesirable...that we "create our own realities" instead of that we are participating in reality. All sorts of stoicism too. Consequentialism. Various rule-based ethics where proponents can't admit they are using their feelings-- they say they don't trust "arbitrary" feelings and need rules instead.

The main atheist group in town has a rule on their FB page that all posts must be based entirely on rational thinking. I said it was irrational to think that was even possible for typical humans to do, but I had no takers, lol.