

# Episode One Hundred Four - More Torquatus and a Question: Was The Ancient Epicurean Movement A Cult?

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You know, we now have [a copy of Joshua reading this entire section](#), so we'll always be able to refer to that for inspiration.

I know, however, that we have some other really good "readers" here too with radio-style voices. [Matt](#) and @EricR immediately come to mind, as well as [Don](#). And although I have not heard [Kalosyni](#) read anything, I bet she could read well too, and a female voice tends to both appeal to the men and to be relatable to other women.

If any of these people ever feel inspired I would hope they would consider taking a stab at an audio reading of this particular text. All of it of course that we've pasted [here is very good, but if that's too much to tackle, I would recommend starting at this paragraph XVIII and going as far as possible to the end. \(Don't want to miss the part about how we should be ashamed not to have learned these things as children!\)](#)

"XVIII. What a noble and open and plain and straight avenue to a happy life! It being certain that nothing can be better for man than to be relieved of all pain and annoyance, and to have full enjoyment of the greatest pleasures both of mind and of body, do you not see how nothing is neglected which assists our life more easily to attain that which is its aim, the supreme good? Epicurus, the man whom you charge with being an extravagant devotee of pleasures, cries aloud that no one can live agreeably unless he lives a wise, moral and righteous life, and that no one can live a wise, moral and righteous life without living agreeably."

On the page linked above we also have the Rackham version, and it is possible that some of us might prefer that version. It's actually a little smoother, and in some ways superior, but occasionally it seems less literal and that's why we went with Reid for the podcast.

If anyone decides to take up this challenge please post and we'll promote the results. I am sure a lot of us would get endless enjoyment by listening to this selection over and over in different voices.