

Joshua's "Only The Beginning" Observation

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Quote

as if it's a YOLO sentiment. (Is using YOLO still a thing??)

Please, we're civilized people here 😂 I don't even know what YOLO is, I know no one in my surroundings who would use that word, and I don't even live in an English-speaking part of the world 😊

Quote

So, you don't have to make time to star gaze (although that can be rewarding in many ways). Notice the way the sun plays through the leaves as you walk to or from school. Feel the sun (when it's warm) on your face. Take pleasure in whatever learning you *can* achieve at school whether in your formal classes or by exploring online or in the library. Begin to notice where you can feel gratitude, too. Epicurus places an emphasis on feeling gratitude, even for little things

I have to admit that somehow, I didn't really thought about this part of Epicureanism all that much, although gratitude, even for the little things, is most certainly present in this philosophy. But that has to do something with the awareness and mindfulness system of thought, doesn't it?

Quote

However, for me, Epicurus gave us a practical philosophy, rooted in the everyday experience of human beings, and made it accessible to everyone - otherwise it would not have spread across the ancient world in city after city. At its core, his philosophy is about personal responsibility for actions taken and taking pleasure in the everyday living of our lives.

YES!!! On one hand, that's extremely liberating- one doesn't have to surrender to virtue, nor to a God. On the other hand, that means that only you are the smith of your life's happiness.

Quote

"Neither must one who is young delay in loving and pursuing wisdom; nor should one who is old grow weary of loving and pursuing wisdom; because it is neither out of

season nor untimely for the health of the mind." It's never out of season, nor too early, nor too late. No one is neither too young nor too old to practice philosophy.

Aristotle would like to chat with you 😊 But seriously, that's a big reason for me not to be an Aristotelian. I simply don't believe in the fact that I can unfold my human potential at 47. What if I die before that? My life wouldn't be fulfilled, I wouldn't have had a good life because I couldn't reach my potential? That sounds really stupid to me. I think its obvious that age and experience can bring a whole lot of pleasure and wisdom (and that's why I love to be on this form- y'all have at least twice the amount of wisdom I have, and some of you much, much more), yet I believe that I've the same capacity to lead a happy and fulfilling life as you. In my opinion, that's the role of philosophy- to give us this knowledge, and the tools needed in order to have a good life, however one may define it. And it truly never is too early or late to have one.

Quote

Thank you again for engaging on the forum. You've made some great posts, asked a lot of great questions, and I look forward to reading more from you!

Thank you very much, glad to hear!