

# Joshua's "Only The Beginning" Observation

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Quote

I think you should be careful not to take that too far, in the spirit of the cliché of "not letting the perfect be the enemy of the good." Not many of us (maybe none of us?) have very many "classical Epicurean" friends in our personal local lives, but we can't let that stop us from developing deep and meaningful relations with those friends we do have.

Well, I think that it should be the goal- after all, to prevent cultism and "bubblism" by only surrounding himself with like-minded people 😊 ~~And still, if a friend tells you a problem which you see as having to do with false beliefs- how do you deal with that?~~

And just while I wrote it, I realized that it's the exact same thing like the cultism-problem of Epicurus, where I wrote that I shouldn't implement my understanding of pleasure on Epicurus's choice to go in a garden and teach privately. Exactly the same thing applies here! If I talk with another person, and she tells me about a struggle they currently have, it's not up to me to decide if this struggle is worthwhile. I think it's sometimes necessary to ask this person if she really thinks that it's worthwhile (to get this job, this grade, this friendship etc.), because this can sometimes really help in revealing insecurities. But if the other person is convinced that this path is a good one and will bring them pleasure in the long run- then they can go for it! Why should I decide what's best for them?

I haven't thought of that before, and it just struck me a bit- it's such an easy answer, but it's incredibly difficult to implement it IRL.