

"A Few Days In Athens" Zoom Book Club Meeting #2: Chapter Two (Feb 6 - 8:00 PM EST) (Sun, Feb 6th 2022, 8:00 pm-9:00 pm)

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Outline of Events in Chapter Two:

Chapter 2 Summary - Epicurus introduces Theon to the Garden

1. Epicurus introduces Theon to his students and asks them to welcome him, but Epicurus advises them to use their own eyes and ears and not trust his endorsement.
2. Introduction of Leontium, female friend and student of Epicurus.
3. Leontium states that she has been studying Theophrastus (successor to Aristotle) and found him to be arrogant.
4. Leontium states that she and Metrodorus have been debating the question "Whether the vicious were more justly objects of indignation or of contempt."
5. Epicurus gives his opinion - "neither" - and states that Time is the teacher of this verdict.
6. Epicurus and Metrodorus discuss Metrodorus' past vices and present redemption from them.
7. Theon recounts that Timocrates had denounced Epicurus at the Stoic assembly.
8. Theon states that Zeno must fail to understand Epicurus' doctrine - Epicurus corrects Theon on this point.