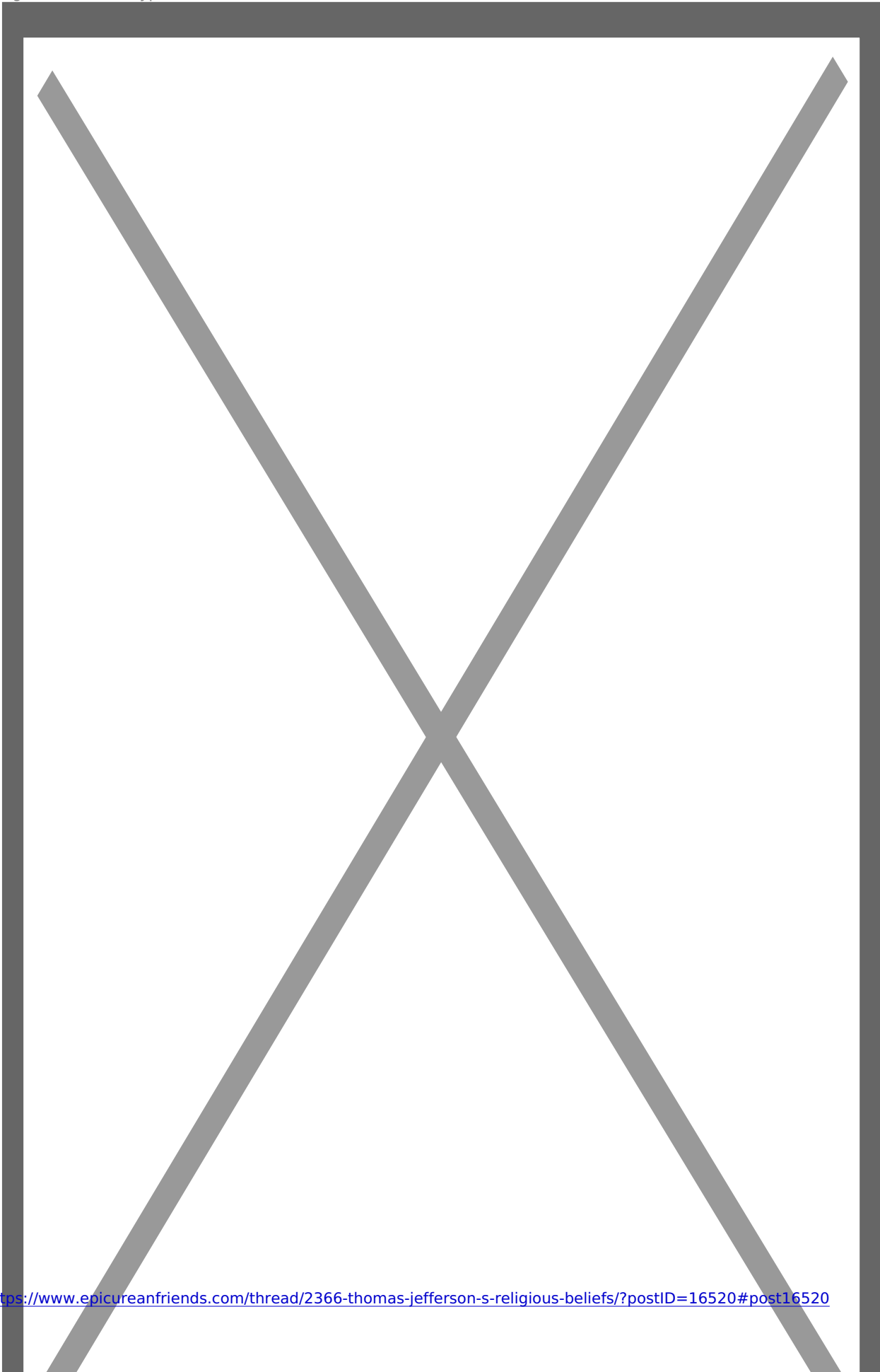


# Thomas Jefferson's Religious Beliefs

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It may be instructive to look at what's covered under dying for a φίλος (philos). The people covered under philia φιλία, according to the unimpeachable source of Wikipedia 😊 are:

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"young lovers (1156b2), lifelong friends (1156b12), cities with one another (1157a26), political or business contacts (1158a28), parents and children (1158b20), fellow-voyagers and fellow-soldiers (1159b28), members of the same religious society (1160a19), or of the same tribe (1161b14), a cobbler and the person who buys from him. (1163b35)"

This is from Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* but gives an idea of the range of who a philos may be. It goes beyond what we would necessarily call a "friend" in modern English.