

Thomas Jefferson's Religious Beliefs

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If civilization ended and cannibalism became the only way to survive, I can imagine that an Epicurean would sacrifice themselves or give themselves up for another's food because at that point "the party is over" meaning that a joyful life wouldn't be possible anymore, and it would also be chosen since "[death is nothing to us](#)".

Yep, and thats a very important point, in my view. I'm young enough in order to experience the consequences of climate change, and I'm probably going to become old enough to see our ecosystem crumbling. Still, I always have the way out by killing myself in order to avoid creating harm. And with this thought, it's far easier to enjoy the now and here- to be honest, I by myself will never be able to stop climate change or even influence it in the slightest. My job is to be happy, and enjoy life- and see what will come. Earth will collapse? Great; if I won't be able to gather food without inflicting pain, I'll happily end my own life. The climate will survive in some form, which is far more probable than that civilization will collapse? Fantastic- a few years more of pleasure!

Basically, this fearlessness of death is the maximum of autarchy; its the pinnacle of independence from the exterior. Evidently I want to live- but I shouldn't worry about what will happen in 30 years, because I simply can't influence it. Its always interesting how I understand things better while writing them, but now I get why "[death is nothing to us](#)" is such a major part of the tetrapharmakos!