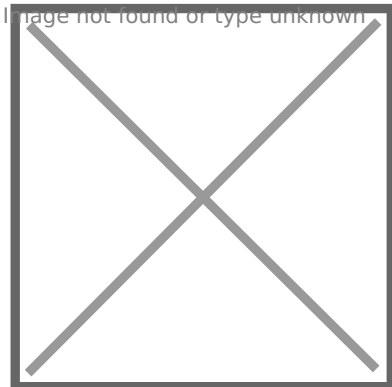


Episode One Hundred Ten - The Epicurean View of Friendship (Part 2)

Post by "Don" of February 22, 2022 at 9:29 PM

I'm not sure where you went with that whole "Peace and safety" discussion, and I'm curious to hear what the verdict was on pleasure or instrumental good. But on the idea of its being an Epicurean slogan, I don't see any evidence that this was a catchphrase of the Epicureans in Thessaloniki or elsewhere. This idea comes only from DeWitt as far as I can tell with no more evidence than the words Εἰρήνη καὶ ἀσφάλεια "Peace and safety" in I Thessalonians 5:3. I don't doubt that Epicureans valued peace and safety over war and insecurity, just like everyone else! But I don't see any reason to think this was a regular saying among the Epicurean community. I'd be happy to be proven wrong. You can even see some of my early posts on this forum included it because of DeWitt's comments. But, after looking at the source (I Thessalonians 5:3), I stopped using it. I've seen some papers that point out that it doesn't even have to be read as a slogan or phrase. It's simply "while they are saying 'peace' and 'safety'..." and a number of commentators make a strong case that the actual people that Paul is referring to are the Romans and their imposed peace and security of the Pax Romana. While the Romans are saying peace and safety, the Lord is going to come back and smite them all... So be ready... Or some religious fantasy fever dream like that.

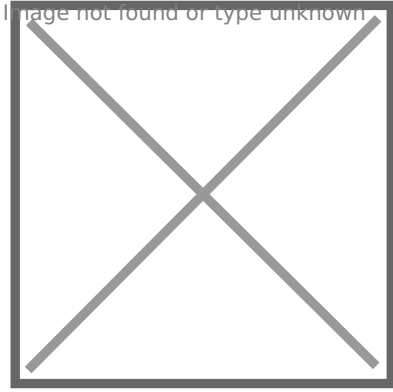
See also:



[1 Thessalonians 5 :: King James Version \(KJV\)](#)

1 Thessalonians 5 - But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

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["Peace, Security, and Labor Pains in 1 Thessalonians 5.3," Leaven 23.1 \(2015\): 37-42.](#)

In this brief essay, I present the case for reading "peace" (eirene) and "security" (asphaleia) as two separate but complementary qualities...
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