

"Zines' - By Kalosyni

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Preliminary thoughts -- sorry but I have been very busy the last two days:

Being well aware that Kalosyni has started with some material originally from me, I should say simply "Great Work!"

But I don't think I have ever liked anything I have ever written for very long, so I am always revising.

In this case, while I do think that the warnings about interpretations does deserve a place, I don't know that in a "Zine" format that they ought to be near the front.

I think I would start out with a more positive statement of what Epicurean philosophy is about, and then after that take note of the differences in interpretations. I am presuming that the opening selection in the Zine is what is intended to grab peoples' attention(?)

I guess what I am thinking is to at the very least lead with the positive, starting more with something like:

You may have heard that Epicurus taught that everyone should "party hard!" at every opportunity. Or you may have heard that Epicurus taught that people should pursue "absence of pain" and retire from the crowd as the best way to spend their lives. The people who printed this Zine invite you to join them in the study of the true Epicurean perspective on life, and we think you'll find a lot to like. For example:

- Epicurus taught that there is no fate, and that people have the ability - and the need - to take control of their lives in every way that they can.
- Epicurus taught that there is no vengeful supernatural god who throws the wicked into an eternal hell, nor is there a partial god who rewards his friends and punishes his enemies.
- Epicurus taught that "religion" as most people understand is a dangerous and damaging threat to human well-being.
- Epicurus taught that there are no absolute and artificial rules to which everyone must conform, but that we should live our lives by the standards that Nature herself teaches us through the senses and our feelings of pain and pleasure.
- Epicurus taught all this and much more, all with human happiness as the ultimate goal of life!

and then continue from there with the rest of the suggestions.

Just my first reaction!