

# AFDIA - Chapter Eight - Text and Discussion

Post by "Cassius" of April 3, 2022 at 5:04 AM

And here's the graphic by Elli with her commentary:



The blinding of Polyphemus Lucanian red figure calyx krater c. 400 BC British Museum

"You will attempt something only when you can attempt it in appropriate circumstances and in the appropriate opportunity. But when comes the right opportunity, you be ready to grab it....", "When you contemplating the fleeing is prohibited to stay empty-handed ... there is a hope for a way out even in the most difficult situations, if not in too great a hurry before the time, nor too dilatory when the time arrives..." From epistle to Idomeneus, on The Urgent Need for Action (Seneca's Letters – Book I – Letter XXII).



Odysseus bound and clinging to the underside of a sheep. Bronze relief cut-out ornament from Sanctuary of Apollo at Delphi, c. 540-530 BCE. Archaeological Museum, Delphi.

[Posts by Elli at Facebook:](#)

Hi Cassius [This fragment is from Epicurus' epistle to Idomeneus "on the urgent need for action" (survived by Seneca). I remember that I've made this graphic long time ago as I connected this fragment with Odysseus, and how he escaped from the cave of Polyphemus.

This fragment by Epicurus is against "fatalism and apathy", so I made and this post.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/EpicureanPhilosophy/posts/1872900069425611/>

This fragment is also analyzed in depth, in this work entitled: "The Epicurean viewpoint", by our friend George Kaplanis [Γεώργιος Καπλάνης](https://www.facebook.com/groups/EpicureanPhilosophy/posts/1918692744846343)  
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Here is a copy of the Kaplanis article, here at EpicureanFriends:



Blog Article

["The Epicurean Viewpoint", by George Kaplanis founding member of the Epicurean Garden in Thessaloniki](#)

[bust of EpicurusGREEN.jpg](#)

## **The Epicurean Viewpoint**

by George Kaplanis founding member of the Epicurean Garden in Thessaloniki

Now I ask you: what is the “Epicurean Viewpoint”?

- It is the view that we gain from looking through the Canon of Epicurus.
- If our viewpoint was gained through the Platonic Dialectic, it would have been a Platonic view.
- And if our viewpoint came through the use of Dialectical Materialism, it would be a Marxist view.

And now, where will we look to gain this Epicurean...



Elli

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