

# AFDIA - Chapter Thirteen - Text and Discussion

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

"I will read his works," said Theon, "and question the writer.

This brings up a question, which may be answered somewhere else already, yet here it is --

Back then it was said that Epicurus did not teach publicly. And we know he wrote many books, and copies were given out (or sold?) And this was a way to convey the teachings, and also this might have served the purpose of preventing errors in understanding, or errors in incorrect repetition. [Think of the game of "telephone" in which children sit in a circle and whisper a sentence into the ear of the person sitting next to them, and by the end of the circle that phrase is very different than the original].

The question is: Did Epicurus actually have people read the teachings themselves instead of giving lectures?