

"Medicine" of Epicurus: Removing Fear and Finding Freedom

Post by "Cassius" of May 31, 2022 at 4:41 PM

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That "train" being death? --- Or the end of civilization?

definitely not the state of being dead, because that brings no pain. Don't want to stray too far into politics here, but I think we can safely make the general observation that there are lot of very unpleasant things potentially on the horizon well short of the end of civilization. That leads to the next comment:

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But at what point do you decide to keep "partying" even if the "Titanic" may be sinking?

I suppose if you were absolutely sure that you were going to die then a little more partying makes sense.

But in most cases, even if you were actually on the Titanic, I think it would make the most sense to use every second to scour the decks looking for devices that might help you float long enough to be rescued. "Necessity is the mother of invention." So as far as "the end of civilization" goes there are a lot of alternatives for someone really committed to survival and living on happily. It's a basic Epicurean core value that we don't need commercialism or luxury and there are plenty of places left in the world where one can live simply away from the crowd. Most of the things we talk about as the end of civilization are more the loss of luxuries than something that is impossible to survive if we put our minds to it ahead of time and intelligently.