

Another Article Insisting On The Importance of the Kinetic / Katestematic Distinction, Despite Citing Nikolsky

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[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

it looks like the Wikipedia article is saying that the goal of life is living a quiet and simple life and not doing anything fun.

Yes that is exactly my concern, with the caveat too that "fun" means a lot of different things to different people.

What I mean even more clearly is that the "Academic World," which is firmly Stoic/Platonic/Aristotelian, has a strongly vested interest in conveying to everyone that : *"Epicurus held the goal of life is living a quiet and simple life and not doing anything to displease the Stoics / Platonists / Aristotelians."*

None of these guys have cared to lift a finger to support or reinvigorate the Epicurean school for 2000 years, but they are all too happy to give YOU a hundred reasons why YOU should sit quietly and should not do so yourself!

"Just stay home and live a quiet simple life and forget about Cassius Longinus and the whole flock of Epicurean Romans from poets to leaders of society to generals who refused to go quietly and be told what to do.."

That's the clear message I get from the way these guys are focusing on "tranquility" and acting as if "pleasure" wasn't in Epicurus' vocabulary.

That's what I would tell my cows and my pigs if I were a farmer as I lead them to the slaughterhouse too! 😊