

# Are There Epicurean Role Models?

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**[Cassius Amicus](#) You mean ancient ones (of course Epicurus himself was considered a great role model) or modern or in-between?**

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**[Jimmy Daltrey](#) I mean people we could look at today. Modern.**

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**[Hiram Crespo](#) Epicurus. Yang chu. Thomas Jefferson. Frances wright. Michel onfray. I want to say George Carlin but hes mixed Cynic. And christopher Hitchens. None were perfect. But they were great for different reasons.**

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Hiram Crespo

**Hiram Crespo** Lucian of Samosata

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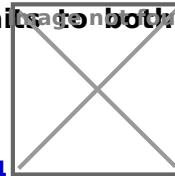
Cassius Amicus

**Cassius Amicus** You could certainly find some people whose personal characteristics embody partial aspects of an Epicurean approach to life, especially ethics, and that would be worthwhile to think about. But I think it would fall short in an important respect: following the ancient discussions as to the highest type of man, for a true and complete role model we would want to find also an intellectual understanding and ability to articulate the nature of the universe, gods, death, and the role of pleasure. And given the state of the world and the intimidating pressure to conform to common concepts of religion and virtue, that is very difficult to name.

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Cassius Amicus

**Cassius Amicus** Following Hiram's suggestion and other comments I have heard, it is possible that Michel Onfray would be someone to consider for a list of Epicurean role models. But I know nothing about Onfray's personal or professional life, nor more importantly what his ultimate opinion of Epicurus was. In the summaries I see little acknowledgement that Onfray was primarily Epicurean (Epicurus is generally mentioned only as an influence, and he seems to prefer Cynics (?)) I would be cautious. To find someone who explicitly endorsed Epicurus you probably have to go back to Jefferson and Frances Wright, and there are limits to both of those too.



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**Hiram Crespo** former president Mujica of Uruguay

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Hiram Crespo

**Hiram Crespo** and the fandom / cult of the Big Lebowski may swear that "the Dude is a great Epicurean role model (or vice versa that Epicurus was a great dude)

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**Nick Bell** Image not found or type unknown

**Nick Bell** Lol yes right here ^^ the dude is absolutely an epicurean!

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**Jason Baker** Image not found or type unknown

**Jason Baker** A NSFW Dudeist translation of the tetrapharmakos lifted directly from the Dudism forum:

- 1 - Can't be worried about supernatural shit man. Fuck it!
- 2 - Life is short, just take it easy man. worried about death? Fuck it!
- 3 - That rug really ties the room together man. I'm content, Fuck it!
- 4 - Well, you know... The dude abides!

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**Hiram Crespo** Image not found or type unknown

**Hiram Crespo** The dudeists have an annual gathering already. Theyre better organized than we are!

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Cassius Amicus

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[Bill Aheron](#) Image background or type unknown

**[Bill Aheron](#) Yous never do anything noteworthy. Stay in yer gardens, & let the Big Fellas lead and make the frikkn' History. No Pain, no achievement, don't expect to have it both ways.**

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Jason Baker

**[Jason Baker](#) [Bill Aheron](#), Do you mean You as in those present or as in Epicureans in general?**

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Jason Baker

**[Jason Baker](#) To the first I would say, "By golly, I shake my stick at you! Don't deprive us of our victories over unnecessary suffering! We're counting coup every day."**

**To the second, killing Caesar, igniting the Renaissance, and declaring independence from tyrannical monarchy seems pretty noteworthy to me.**

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**[Mish Taylor](#) The 'big fellas' are doing such a great job, the world has never been in such disarray...DOH!  Image background or type unknown**

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**Michael Fulton Well, that's like, your opinion, man.**

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Michael Fulton

**Michael Fulton [Jason Baker](#) Brutus and gang were Epicureans?**

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Michael Fulton

**Michael Fulton I know Cassius was...**