

# **An August 2018 Example of the Ascetic View of Epicurus**

**Post by "Cassius" of January 27, 2019 at 11:59 AM**

Great post Florius, and I also agree with Martin's point. "Common sense" gets thrown around too easily, but it does indeed seem to me to be "common sense" that "moderation" as an inflexible rule is as obviously subject to exceptions as any other inflexible rule.

Every time I think about this issue I can't get out of my mind the Barry Goldwater line:

"Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice, moderation in pursuit of justice no virtue."

That line sounds (sounded) so smooth, and in some circumstances probably does ring true, and yet there are so many issues with it!