

# Is Epicurean life achievable only for well off?

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It's outside the general scope of this forum, but worth noting in passing that this was the essence of Marx's critique of religion in the introduction to his *Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right*. (And because this is the internet, I now have to clarify that I'm not taking a Marxist possession, but describing one...)

[Joshua](#) yes indeed, Marx referred to religion as opium for the people. I tend to treat this issue on two different planes. So far as personal philosophy is concerned, the Epicurean reasoning is the closest to me (no need to worry about gods). Then there is the social justice and economics plane, where organised religion can be a source of social cohesion or a force that holds the society back (or both). On this plane I would have hoped for different tools to achieve social cohesion.