

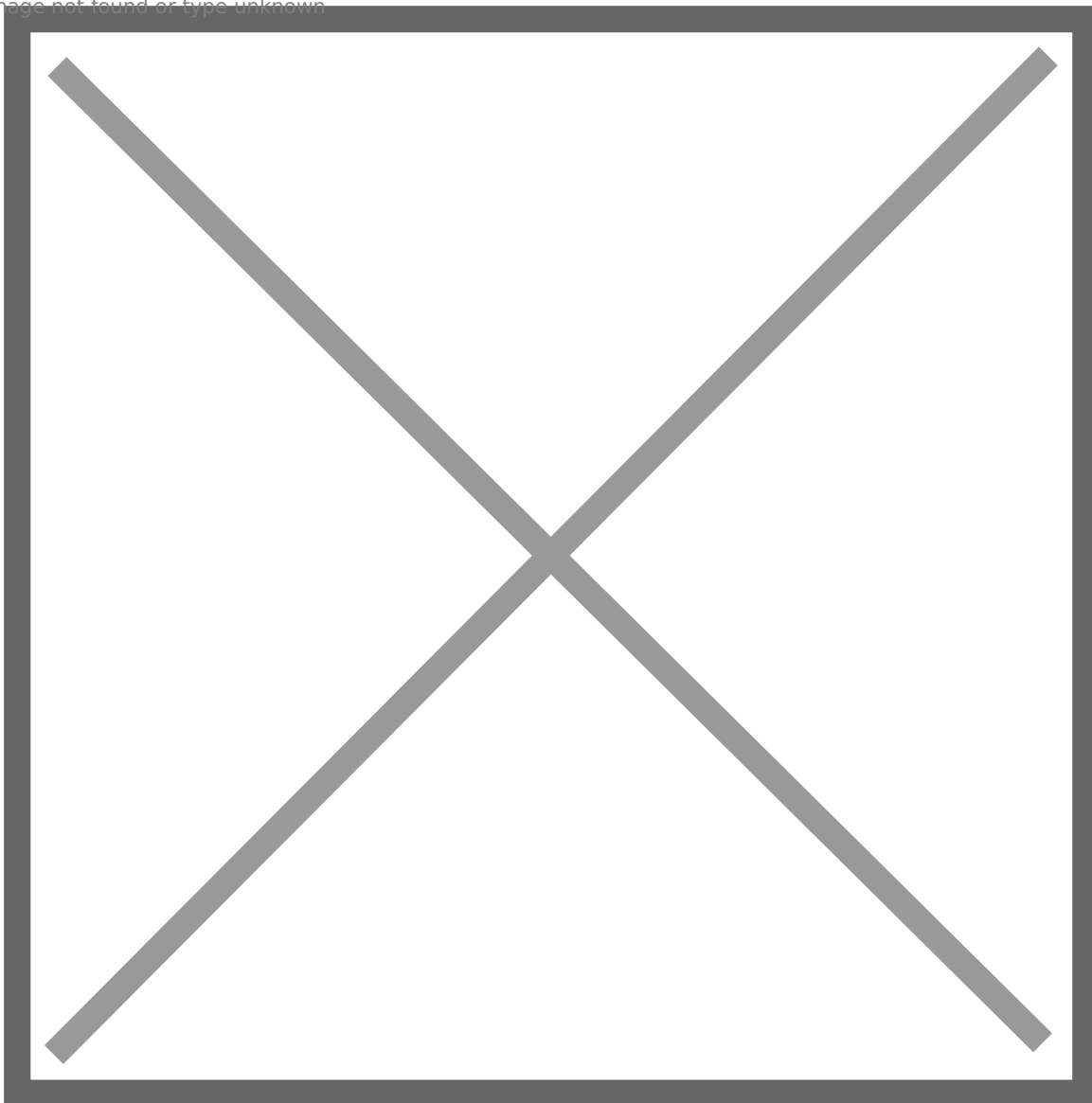
# A Word About Words

Post by "Don" of December 9, 2022 at 3:03 PM

Wonderful, enjoyable post!!!

Your mention of ἄμαρτία brought to mind ἄρρεσις (hairesis) which meant "choice" in Epicurus's time (and is the word he uses for "choice" and avoidance). By the time the Christians got a hold of it (and it changed pronunciation through the centuries), it took on the meaning (and sound) of "heresy" as in "the wrong \*choice\*".

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HERESY Meaning: "doctrine or opinion at variance with established standards" (or, as Johnson defines it, "an opinion of... See origin and meaning of heresy.  
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