

(Mis)Quoting Epicurus--An Analysis of Language in Epictetus

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Quote from Joshua, quoting Epictetus, quoting Epicurus (supposedly)

"Be not deceived; be not seduced and mistaken. There is no natural tie between reasonable beings. Believe me. Those who say otherwise mislead and impose upon you."

Speculating about this from another angle...

A possible kernel of truth here could be that maybe Epicurus did say something about society not existing apart from the individuals that make it up, similar to how justice does not exist apart from agreements that serve the ends of real people.

This supposed quotation could be taking out of context an argument Epicurus was making in support of that idea.