

Welcome Quiesco!

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Hi everyone! I originally stumbled upon Epicureanism when I branched out from Stoicism to discover more Hellenic philosophies and other philosophies of life. What originally drew me to that side is that they more heavily focus on the practical side of living your life if you accept their arguments of what is a good life. Epicureanism especially seemed to encapsulate what I had already started formulating for myself, that everything I do should be done to ensure pleasure.

I hope to learn more about the metaphysical theory at the base of Epicureanism since it's the weakest part of my understanding of Epicureanism. I wonder how they came to the belief pleasure is the only good and what the underlying arguments are. In particular I found it interesting reading they said if Gods may exist they do not busy themselves with us and there is nothing after death. I'm exploring how they justify their belief in these things after reading mostly about the ethical and practical side. An earlier interest of mine was Pyrrhonism, which states there's no truths we can ascertain and we should suspend our judgments on matters of truth. I found myself drawn to that, but haven't done the entire trip of skepticism. The process of reading and grasping philosophy is rather arduous and time-consuming and sometimes writings are simply unintelligible to my laic brain.

This place seems to discuss questions I have and I hope to grasp the extant texts like I've seen some do here. It's fascinating what a little treasure trove this is of information about Epicureanism, I did not think anything like this would exist for what's quite an unknown philosophy.