

Could #Epicurus save us? A #philosophy of #pleasure could cure our modern ills

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Many good points in that article, but this is the heart of it and this is where it crashes and burns into stoicism / asceticism and the opposite of what Epicurus taught. Even before the article starts! Free ourselves of desire? Hardly! The issue is learning to pursue our desires with maximum net result, not "free ourselves of desire."

"I know not how to conceive the good, apart from the pleasures of taste, of sex, of sound, and the pleasures of beautiful form." - Epicurus



Rome During the Decadence, Thomas Couture, 1847. Epicureanism for a long time had a reputation as a philosophy that encouraged reckless and immoral hedonism. Epicurus was a hedonist, but encouraged the pursuit of a natural state of pleasure that comes when we free ourselves of desire. His philosophy was very popular throughout the Roman Empire. (Image source: Wikipedia)