

Episode 176 - "Epicurus And His Philosophy" Part 28

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I'm now out of time to read further in More, but boy he seems to exemplify all that goes wrong when you start out thinking that Epicurus is all about running from pain. The ethical ideal of the garden is summed up as "*living unknown?*" Really?

Quote

Certainly, when we pass from consideration of the chief good to the philosophical theories which Epicurus developed to explain and justify his choice of that good, the idea of security becomes altogether predominant ; it is the keynote equally of his ethics, his science, and his attitude towards religion.

The ethical ideal of the Garden is summed up in the famous maxim, "Live concealed" (*lathe biosas*), or, as Horace exquisitely phrases it, the *fallentis semita vitae*. In this way alone would the perfect ataraxy be attained.