

# Episode 184 - "Epicurus And His Philosophy" Part 36 - Chapter 14 - The New Virtues 07

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That Attalus site is such a resource!!

In looking at one letter:

DII (F IX, 23)

TO L. PAPIRIUS PAETUS (AT NAPLES)

CUMAE, 17 NOVEMBER

*I ARRIVED yesterday at my Cuman villa, tomorrow I shall perhaps come to see you. But as soon as I know for certain, I will send you word a little beforehand. However, M. Caeparius, who met me on the road at the Gallinarian wood, I told me you were in bed with the gout. I was sorry to hear it, as in duty bound; nevertheless, I resolved to come to you, for the sake not only of seeing you and paying you a visit, but even of dining with you: for I don't suppose you have a cook who is gouty also. Expect therefore a guest, who is far from being a gourmet, and is a foe to extravagant dinners.*

That snarky comment about gourmet and extravagant dinners seems to me to be a jab from Cicero using the Epicurean stereotype.

Edit:

By Zeus! Cicero was insufferable!!