

# What Makes Someone "An Epicurean?"

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It is probably best to consider me no more than a philosophical fellow-traveler for the time - a guest in the Garden so long as I am welcome, as long as I might be contributing rather than causing conflict or tearing down. I finally gave up the notion - or the perceived need - for some permanent (or even formal, let alone creedal) membership for myself in any group. The desire to belong was once a large shaping force in my life - it just isn't anymore. (It's likely natural, but I don't find it necessary; and likely most people find it more helpful than I have.)

So I will not call myself "an Epicurean" - nor certainly something like a true or proper Epicurean. I generally try to be careful with my language in such things: "I think about myself and life now more in Epicurean terms, and try to make better decisions in my daily life accordingly" - or the like.

None of that is to say that I don't find pleasure in the friendship here. If I didn't, I wouldn't walk along. None of that is to suggest that there is something wrong about seeking membership, or defining the terms of the same. Or forming a school of thought that does outreach. Not in any way. But I can only ever think of myself as "a fellow-traveler for the time".

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With regard to Epicurus merchandise, I do have one of these pendants that were put out by Hiram Crespo's group (I'm not sure they are available anymore, but you can probably find out). I wear it as a reminder for myself (most often under my shirt), not for identification. (It hangs near my heart, which seems like a good place to touch it as that reminder.)

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