

Epicurean Philosophy Vs. Humanism

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Most of us are lucky enough to live at a time and place where we can pick and choose our friends and go our own way relatively easily. However I don't think that will remain the case forever. The tensions of the world that we won't discuss due to the politics rule have placed "censorship" issues front and center, and pressures that may be used today for purposes we find agreeable can very easily grow into pressures that can be used against anyone who dissents from the "party line."

First off, I want to say that I have (reluctantly 😊) come to appreciate the limits on political argument here. It helps create a more tension-free space in which to share (and even cordially argue) on deeper matters. 😊

With that said, I have come to think that "the Garden" can only survive under three alternative scenarios:

1. Whatever despotic regime ("the party line") controls society (the extended polis) happens to appreciate Epicurean philosophy (which I find to be a doubtful happenstance).
2. The Garden goes underground as long as necessary (which seems to have some history behind it as a scenario).
3. A sufficient level of pluralism prevails in the relevant polis/society.

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As I recall her editor's unease over the word "pleasure" in Dr. Austin's book title, I wonder in what libraries (and for whom) it might fall onto the proscribed list - without even being read by the censors.

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BTW, [Cassius](#) : I would've given your post from which I quoted more thumbs up if I could have.

