

The dark Epicureanism in the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

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[Quote from Pacatus](#)

But, re the Khayyam quote, I always thought Epicurus might have quipped: "Why are you in a wilderness? Are there no civilized gardens around?" 😊

That reminds me of this:

[Quote from Thus Spake Zarathustra](#)

Here, however, did Zarathustra interrupt the foaming fool, and shut his mouth.—

Stop this at once! called out Zarathustra, long have thy speech and thy species disgusted me!

Why didst thou live so long by the swamp, that thou thyself hadst to become a frog and a toad?

Floweth there not a tainted, frothy, swamp-blood in thine own veins, when thou hast thus learned to croak and revile?

Why wentest thou not into the forest? Or why didst thou not till the ground? Is the sea not full of green islands?