

Episode 207 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 15 - Does Epicurean Philosophy Lead to Injustice?

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Show Notes;

Thomas More, *Utopia*

I collected the most pertinent passages (including the passages quoted in this episode) relating to Epicureanism in a thread [here](#).

Cosma Raimondi

Quote

The humanist Cosma Raimondi (1400–1435/1436) was a native of Cremona and the pupil of Gasparino Barzizza (1360–1431). He helped to decipher an important manuscript of Cicero’s rhetorical works and wrote a [well-known defense of Epicurus](#): A Letter to Ambrogio Tignosi in Defence of Epicurus against the Stoics, Academics and Peripatetics (1429). Leaving Italy, he moved to Avignon, where he later committed suicide.

The Inscription of Diogenes of Oenoanda

Martin Ferguson Smith's translation of the text of the inscription is [here](#).

John Locke, *Letter Concerning Religious Toleration*

The full English text of this letter which was originally written in Latin is [here](#).

Horace - Epistle VI Book 1: Ad Numicium

Quote

If your lungs or kidneys were attacked by cruel disease,
You’d seek relief from the disease. You wish to live well:
Who does not? If it’s virtue alone achieves it, then
Be resolute, forgo pleasure. But if you consider

Virtue's only words, a forest wood: then beware
Lest your rival's first to dock, lest you lose Cibra's
Or Bithynia's trade. Cleared a thousand, and another?
Then add a third pile, round it off with a fourth.
Surely wife and dowry, loyalty and friends, birth
And beauty too are the gifts of Her Highness Cash,
While Venus and Charm grace the moneyed classes.
Don't be like Cappadocia's king, rich in slaves
Short of lucre. They say Lucullus was asked
If he could lend the theatre a hundred Greek cloaks.
'Who could find all those? he answered, 'but I'll see,
And send what I've got'. Later, a note: 'It seems at home
I've five thousand: take any of them, take the lot'
It's a poor house where there isn't much to spare,
Much that evades the master, benefits his slaves.
If wealth alone will make you happy, and keep you so,
Be first to strive for it again, and last to leave off.

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