

Welcome Eggplant Wizard!

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Hi everyone! I first got into Epicurean philosophy back in my teens, in the late 90's, when I came across the *Epicurus Reader* in a bookstore and loved what I read there. I find the ethical and religious dimensions of Epicureanism equally fascinating. At the time I was heavily into Daoism and I saw some kinship between the philosophies (though, to be clear, there are important differences). I joined an Epicurean email list (run by Erik Anderson I believe) and learned a lot, argued a lot on there. I've gone through many changes and studied widely since then. Among my ongoing interests are surrealism and the history of western esotericism. But in the course of my studies I often think of Epicurus' school, how it stood quite unique in the ancient world, admirably concerned with genuine happiness and not chasing abstractions and lofty virtues for their own sake. I think what a shame that, for whatever reason, Epicureanism reached a historical dead end while Platonism (and the Stoicism and Aristotelianism it absorbed) went from strength to strength. I often find myself speculating how the Epicurean school would have developed through late antiquity in response to the likes of Iamblichus or Proclus. Anyway, I look forward to interesting discussions of Epicureanism and relevant topics. Thanks!