

Further Thoughts On Science And Epicurean Philosophy

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Of what necessary relevance is it to the question of whether a particular idea is correct whether it is 2000 years old or 2 minutes old.

At least to my way of thinking the issue is how people form their lives and actions around an idea. For example, based on beliefs extant at the time, two thousand years ago humans sacrificed other humans, and many animals, "to the gods". I think it is important that we have a different view now.

Certainly healthcare treatments have changed dramatically in the ensuing 2000 years, based on major changes in perspectives of causes for illness. As far as I know no one has objectively treated cancer, sepsis or Parkinson's disease effectively via praying to Sekhmet.

So, to my way of thinking, the ultimate issue is what we do. And, what we do depends upon our whole framework for understanding the world and our place in it. In this regard I think things have changed a lot in 2000 years. Thus, in relevance to these esteemed pages of EpicureanFriends, I think it is important to consider what we have learned philosophically in the last 2000 years.

You all, who have studied the early writings so diligently, are probably in the best position to address what we have learned, and what we haven't learned. Thus I have asked. Cheers.