

My 2024 Resolution: Get A More Accurate Picture of Epicurean Pleasure To The World Rather Than "Tranquility" or "Live Unkown"(Comment on Irish Times Article)

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

I have edited the title of the thread to make it more clear that "Live Unknown" falls under the same label of "misunderstanding" as does 'tranquility' as being Epicurus' primary focus. Both are tools toward pleasure, not ends in themselves. Possibly over time we'll find news ways to indicate "Caution!" as to outside articles that we discuss.

Isn't "tranquility" also a form of pleasure, being the absence of turmoil, and thus is part of the goal but not the whole goal, as Epicurus encourages us to seek out a variety of pleasures.

Though I do agree living unknown is a tool or tactic not a goal, it is simply a means to avoid external turmoil.

"Meantime, you are engaged in making of yourself the sort of person in whose company you would not dare to sin. When this aim has been accomplished and you begin to hold yourself in some esteem, I shall gradually allow you to do what Epicurus, in another passage, suggests: "The time when you should most of all withdraw into yourself is when you are forced to be in a crowd." Seneca's Letters