

# Thoughts and Discussion on Organizing Epicurean Community

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A couple of quick thoughts....

To my knowledge, any religion that has been around for 2000 years has divided into numerous (innumerable?) branches. I sometimes lament that EP doesn't have a continuous history, but if it did, it would most likely have many branches as well. In fact they might not all call themselves "Epicurean". Maybe they'd go by "hedonist", "utilitarian", "atomists" or who knows what else.

As for a lack of structure or a lack of exercises: I go back and forth on this, but at the moment I'm thinking that a philosophy is a way of learning how to think about the world and one's place in it. Epicurus lived in a world which laid the groundwork for the world we're living in. What we have from him is a worldview and a way of approaching philosophical problems, and this forum is a great place to study, discuss, and sharpen our thinking. To me that's the main meal, any additional structure or exercises are condiments.