

# The Notre Dame Fire

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<<The despisers of the body, according to Nietzsche, or as Diogenes of Oinoanda calls them "following the empty beliefs of the soul and not listening to body appeals." And how disgusting, an Epicurean feels towards the body despisers.

Like Plato, through Socrates, in Phaedon, whereby death the soul is freed from the body as if it is free from the shackles.

But also the Stoics, who accept the material existence of the soul, fought against Hellenism, but in their own oriental way. This strict philosophy of Stoicism, which allowed joy only when one did his duty, became the ideal of Christian monasticism through Nile Sinaiti who copied the Handbook of Epictetus and established it as a preparation for the monastic life. The absolute determinism and strict discipline of the Stoics influenced the Christianity of the Protestants and Kant was affected by it. (Christos Yapijakis Epicurus [Principal Doctrines](#) p. 60). The "Duty" of Kantian idealism has been experienced by mankind in a harsh way>>.

(The above is an excerpt of the work entitled :<< "father" Epicurus>>, by George Kaplanis founder of the Epicurean Garden in Thessaloniki).