

Welcome Eric!

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Hello and thank you for welcoming me!

I am Eric (not real name) from Finland. I do not have formal background in philosophy but I have always been the thinking type and interested in how the world works. I have a university education and job in the field of natural sciences.

I discovered Epicureanism around 2019 when I learned that I had an addiction, became sober, and started to really think about how I should live my life and why. Before that I had been repeatedly dissatisfied with the answers to philosophical questions and lost interested in what others had to say. Furthermore I didn't have the intellectual capacity or motivation to pursue philosophy because my addiction held those qualities down.

Since then Epicureanism has been the only philosophy that makes significant logical sense to me. Some things in Epicurean Metaphysics and Epistemology I find hard to be convinced of as absolute truths but for practical purposes I try to conduct my life as if they were true. Perhaps here I can find a better understanding of these, but it doesn't really matter to me if this does not happen. I am content with being a practical Epicurean and I am most interested in Epicurean ethics. Maybe I can learn and contribute at least in that field.

I had been meaning to join an epicurean community online since 2020, but I didn't for some reason find this site back then and the one I did find didn't feel right for me at the time and still doesn't. I have substituted my need for friendship by romantic relationships, non-candid non-Epicurean friendships and living in intentional communities I do not believe the values of. I didn't disclose what I really believe in out fear of persecution (except in my romantic relationships).

Currently I live with my non-epicurean girlfriend and do not feel lonely. However, I seem to keep returning to the idea that I want to find epicurean friends. Maybe by participating here I can finally feel like I am with the right people. So far based on the foundational documents of this site, I think I am in the right place.

Looking forward to our discussions!

-Eric