

On Ice Cream And Epicurean Philosophy

Post by "Cassius" of May 15, 2019 at 5:08 AM

[Quote from michelepinto](#)

And she at start appreciates Epicurus teaching about desires, then she discovered it is not enough for happiness and went further.

Yes, that seems very close to the point I was trying to make, so I would be very interested in reading the translation.

[Quote from michelepinto](#)

We all see it all the days, it seems that everyone tells us earn as much money as you can and spend them all on useless things. The voice of Epicurus is out of this chorus and is therefore appreciated.

That is of course true, and I am glad that people get that message. But again, it makes me mad that this is the point at which a lot of people stop their study of Epicurus. To be blunt again, this ought to be shockingly obvious, and it should not take the brilliance of an Epicurus to understand this. It is a testament to the sorry state of modern civilization that so many people do not understand even this basic point.

But in addition to this "basic" point, there is a universe of additional truth inherent in atomism, and the infinite eternal universe, and the non-existence of supernatural gods, and the true understanding of pleasure and pain, and the role of the senses vs. "logic" -- etc etc etc. Those are the areas where Epicurus' brilliance really shines, and I think he would be far more proud of his work in those areas than in his "natural and necessary" desire classification.

So I think he would be shocked to hear on what we focus, and he would ask "You need ME to explain THAT to you?" 😊