

EpicureanFriends Status Report / Thanks-giving in October

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It occurs to me that today is a good time to express my thanks to all of our regular contributors here on the forum. We don't have a super-large group, but we regularly have 20-30 regular participants who contribute some very high-quality material. I am sure that my appreciation is shared by these participants, but it's worth stating explicitly: we've come a long way from when we had to gasp for air on Facebook forums dominated by Stoics and Academic Skeptics and the like, and the freedom we have here to pursue these studies without undue interruption from them is incredibly valuable.

Over the last several years I would argue that we've maintained and improved our quality of discussion and investigation, and I think we're producing some of the most interesting material available anywhere for those who take Epicurus seriously. Yes we have a relatively large "turnover" of people who stay only for a short while, but I think as we find new ways to make the forum ever-more-explicit as to the implications of core tenets of Epicurean philosophy, everyone benefits. No one wants to waste time, and following Epicurus' calls to clarity and frankness is good both for those who stay and those who pass on to something else.

There's always room for improvement, and I want to encourage everyone to write or produce whatever content they can on whatever forums they choose (as [per the recent exchanges with Cleveland Okie](#)). But we need to first of all recognize that a large number of people are already investing significant time and resources in their Epicurean posting and writing already, and that we need to be sure they know they are appreciated.

I won't begin to try to list the key people who are making the most contributions, but they know who they are. Thanks to you all, and i look forward to many more years of the same!