

Episode One Hundred Forty - The Letter to Menoecus 07 - Completion of the Letter

Post by "Cassius" of November 8, 2024 at 9:24 AM

I agree with the thrust of post 15 but for the sake of breaking part of this down:

[Quote from Julia](#)

because it is the defining nature of an ideology to no longer have free discourse amongst equals; an ideology says of itself: "We found the truth, and it is xyz."

Is that ("finding the truth and saying it is xyz") not exactly what Epicurus does when he says things like:

[Death is nothing to us....](#)

Pleasure is the absence of pain...

Believe that a god is a living being blessed and imperishable.....

So:

Are we supposed to "*leave everything uncertain and go on explaining to infinity or use words devoid of meaning*"? (letter to Herodotus)

Are we to "*go on studying till old age the subjects that we ought to be ashamed not to have learnt in boyhood?*" (Torquatus in On Ends 1)

Or are we to:

"give definite teaching and not profess doubt?" (Diogenes Laertius 121)

"never cease proclaiming the sayings of the true philosophy." ([VS41](#))