

"Peace and Safety" vs. "Conflict and Danger"

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But I'm highly skeptical of the Epicurean putting themselves in harm's way needlessly or recklessly.

Right - nothing would ever be done needlessly or recklessly.

But would Epicureans confront Alexander the Oracle-Monger? Yes they did, though Lucian seems to think that one did so on a poor choice of locations. And Lucian himself called for an Epicurus or Democritus to expose the fraud.

And would Epicureans devote book after book to exposing and denouncing the errors of other schools and of religions?

Absolutely yes they did.

Would Cassius Longinus cite Epicurus himself in support of the actions he and other Epicureans like Panza took against Caesar and Antony? Yes he did.

So there is a time and season for both peace and safety and conflict and danger, all judged and weighed prudently through Epicurean principles.

That's why I wanted to clearly state that I no longer think its a good idea to consider "Peace and Safety" as a catchword -- overemphasis on "peace and safety" can be just as harmful as overemphasis of any other intermediate goal toward the ultimate goal of pleasure.

Torquatus' examples of the actions of his own ancestors also provides a good example that is exactly on point.