

Brochure By AxA - Toronto

Post by “Cassius” of February 18, 2025 at 1:49 PM

That's an excellent draft AxA. I like the fact that virtually all of it comes from some original source, which you've cited, so that arms you against accusations that you're misrepresenting or freelancing anything. You've covered a lot of good information and I think that's a much better approach than simply repeating a few generic slogans in large font sizes. The way you've done it results in a handout that's worth keeping and referring to in the future.

As for the opening, you can easily find my personal reservations about featuring the Tetracharmakon as a leadoff pitch elsewhere on the forum (for example [here](#).) That's why we don't feature those here at EpicureanFriends, but everyone has to make their own decision about that.

Even from my perspective there's a bright side to what I consider to be phrasing that Epicurus himself would not have used. (I refer to especially the ambiguity of 1 and 2, and also to the inability of 3 and 4 to stand alone without a great deal of explanation).

The problems with each of the four can be used to launch discussion into the original form of the first four [Principal Doctrines](#). In explaining why the Tetracharmakon phrasing doesn't necessarily follow from the full test of PD 1-5, you can bring out the full impact of issues which the Tetracharmakon itself obscures.

But like I said, everyone has to decide for themselves how they want to pitch the Tetracharmakon. Sometimes it's desirable to open a conversation with wording which requires lots of clarification later. And just as I'm mentioning here in this post, having a debate on the Tetracharmakon is a good way to clarify important issues quickly.