

Friendship discussion (moved from 20th conversation)

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A main theme of Nehamas' essay is that *φιλία* for the ancient Greeks had a public dimension that modern notions of friendship do not. Epicurus would surely have been aware of that and, although he might not have rejected it out of hand, may have treated his social-compact view of "natural justice" as more applicable to the public sphere ... ? [That's intended as a question.]