

May 5, 2025 - First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Zoom - Agenda

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UPDATED announcement:

Hi Everyone, Coming up next Monday on May 5th at 8pm ET, is our First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Discussion - open to all forum members!

Agenda:

- Welcome and round-the-table greetings
- Discussion facilitated by Cassius - Updated discussion topic will be on this forum thread:

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[Why pursue unnecessary desires?](#)

Hey folks!

I'm getting stumped on something that previously I felt I had a firm grasp on: Why pursue (natural) unnecessary desires, if necessary desires are all that are needed for happiness? If the limit of pleasure is the absence of pain (ie. 100% pleasure 0% pain), aren't unnecessary desires merely variation?

I recall the 'cup' infographic. One of the examples of a “bad” cup is one that is half full, in which only necessary desires are pursued - a cup of asceticism. I can acknowledge...



Rolf

May 2, 2025 at 12:41 PM

Note on how to attend: If you have not previously attended a First Monday, or have been absent from the forum for a while, let us know (here in this thread) if you are interested so we can add you to the meeting link private message which will go out the day before the meeting.

Hope to see you there! 😊