

□ as the symbol of the philosophy of Epicurus

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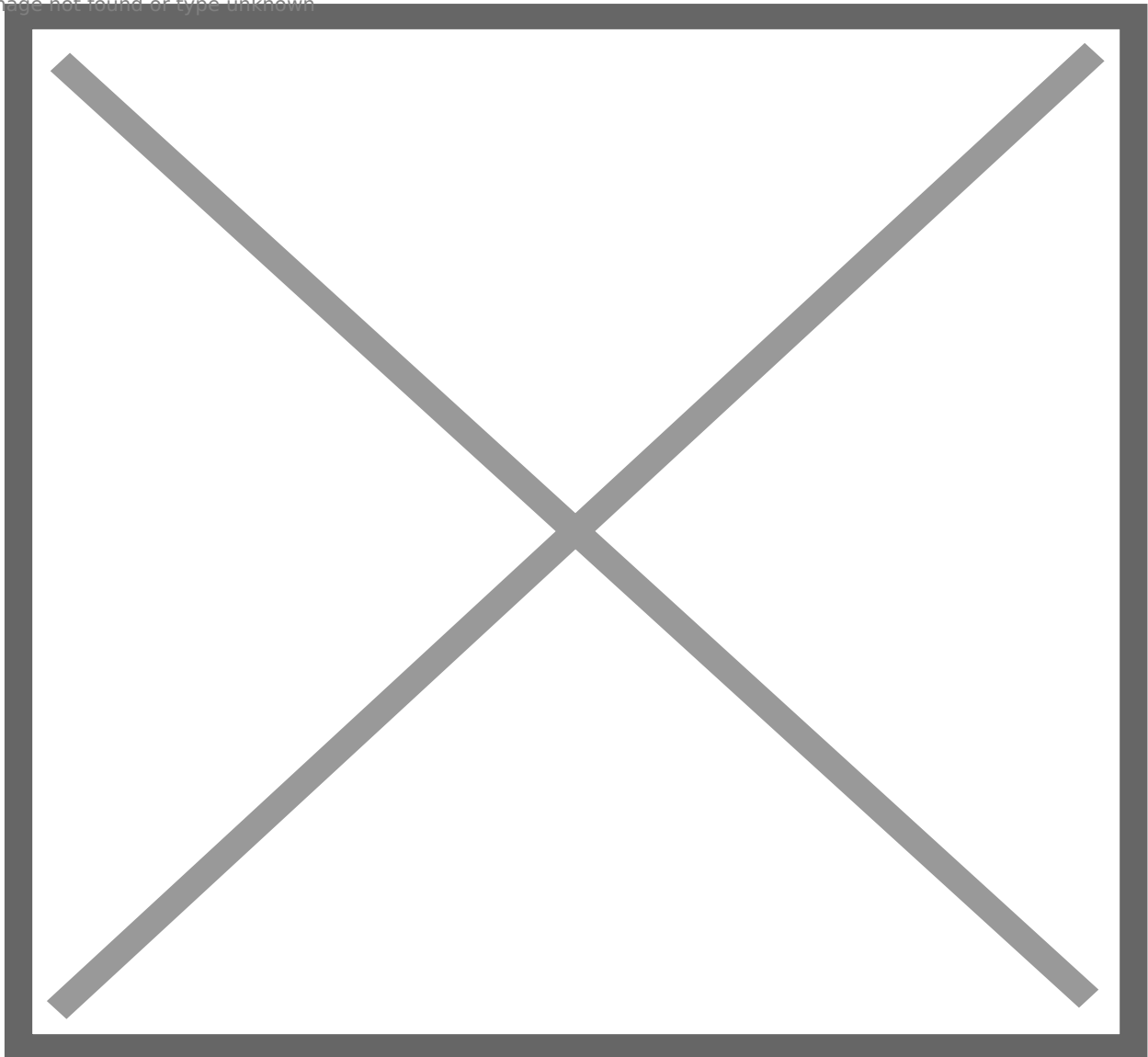
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Symbols like these are adopted and used without asking for universal agreement, let alone permission, and they either make it or they don't. As such, the process is an evolutionary trial & error cycle through the court of public opinion, until something just happens to be found that clicks with enough of a majority to catch on. So the trick, in my opinion, is not to make the entire world agree. It should be enough if we can come to reasonable level of agreement amongst each other, and then just try and see what happens.

Well said, [Kalosyni](#) , kudos!

I'm reminded of the Christian fish:

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which appears to have been used even earlier than the cross, fell out of popular use, then roared back onto the backs of cars in the 1970s.

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I think the four letters "20er" spelled out are already too much writing to make for a good logo / symbol / ...

Agreed. I really like it as a graphic or as say a team logo when we have a softball team. As an overall symbol, agree with you.

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lunate Epsilon: ε (Unicode U+03F5)
Combining Dot Above: ˙ (Unicode U+0307)
Result:έ

I can't endorse that dotted lunate epsilon. It has the same issue you raised with the symbolized E with the detached top line as to necklace, etc.

Generally, I don't like letters or numbers to be used as symbols. There's too much room for misinterpretation, jokes, etc. I'm not even sure I *fully* endorse the pig as a symbol. Is Horace the only textual evidence for that? I know the statue is from Herculaneum. That said, I do have a small plastic piglet on my desk at work:

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I don't have a firm proposal, but I'm intrigued by the conversation.