

New Blog Post From Elli - " Fanaticism and the Danger of Dogmatism in Political and Religious Thought: An Epicurean Reading"

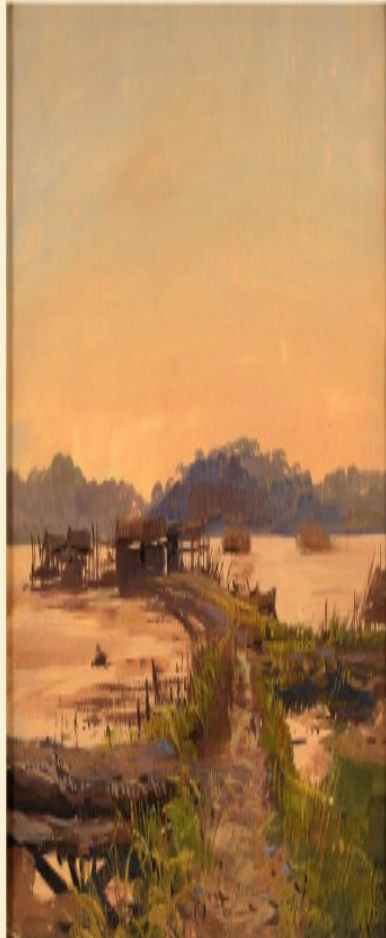
Post by "Cassius" of June 20, 2025 at 4:31 PM

Due to a quirk in the forum software I am not sure that everyone gets notified when a new "blog" article is published. I suspect many people navigate by looking to see what new threads are posted, so this thread is for purposes of being sure people are aware of her latest article:

A personal code of Epicurean prudence

- I don't need to control the world. It is enough to govern myself calmly — with thoughtful, everyday awareness.
- I don't always respond — I observe first. Haste is the voice of fear. Observation is an act of freedom.
- I'm not afraid of the unknown — I learn it slowly and steadily. The world is not a threat; it is knowledge in progress.
- I don't chase abundance — I choose what is sufficient and pleasant. Wealth lies not in quantity, but in quality and the peace of prudent selection.
- Whatever angers me, I revisit the next day. Prudence doesn't cancel emotion — it illuminates it.
- I don't seek everyone's approval — only the calm within. Other people's opinions are not anchors. It's time to cast off the ropes.
- Mistakes are not defeat — they are warnings. To be prudent is to learn and continue with greater clarity.
- If I cannot offer wisdom, I offer presence. Some silences speak more deeply than advice.
- My silence is strength — not surrender. Some things are better not said, but embodied.
- Friendship is not a luxury — it is a priority. It doesn't just protect; it cultivates the freedom of being.
- Life is fragile — and I am deeply grateful for it. One who lives prudently and pleasantly does not conquer death — they embrace the moment.
- Prudence sets the boundaries of my nature. It does not diminish me — it reminds me that I am mortal. It saves me from excess and leads me to what is enough.

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The Chalkiopoulos Lagoon (ancient Hylaiic harbor), now known as the Kanoni area of Corfu, painted by Erwin Kröner in 1939 from a photograph.

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Blog Article

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PD 40: *“As many as possess the power to procure complete immunity from their neighbours, these also live most pleasantly with one another, since they have the most certain pledge of security, and after they have enjoyed the fullest intimacy, they do not lament the previous departure of a dead friend, as though he were to be pitied.”*

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