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I just wanted to add another brief reflection on the "*embracing*" versus "*spitting*" nuance:

There are a variety of ways in which people seem to interface with death: *fearing* death, *fleeing from* death, *fighting* death, *chasing immortality*, *damning life*, *welcoming* death, *accepting* death, expressing gratitude for having lived, and plenty of other responses and orientations I'm not picturing. Adding another dimension (perhaps arbitrarily ... just thinking out loud) we can [1] lament life, and fear death, [2] lament life and accept death, [3] prize life but fear death, or [4] prize life and accept death. In *Menoikeús*, Epíkouros explicitly rejects [1 + 2] *lamenting* life in any capacity, and he rejects [3] *fearing* death in the first two *Key Doctrines*, so, in general (by this measurement), the appropriate Epicurean attitude would be to [4] prize life and accept the inevitable necessity of death.

I think that concept reinforces what (I believe) I'm seeing, visually. No *spitting*. 😊