

What Are The Best Epicurean Alternatives to These Common Phrases?

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1. Not "the greatest good for the greatest number," but the greatest pleasure for me and my friends and close ones

2. Not "humanism" but _____ -- I personally don't mind humanism as long as it is understood to be very generic and not very concise. It in itself stands as better than supernaturalism and dehumanization. But if humanism was to be replaced with a more concise doctrine, it would be Epicureanism

3. Not "hard determinism" but compatibilism? Or whatever ism says some things happen by chance, others by necessity and others by our action

4. Not "hedonism" but Pleasure ethics

5. Not "absence of pain" as a full statement of the goal of life, but constant pleasures

6. Not "living unknown" as best way to organize one's life, but living surrounded by great friends

7. Not "creation" but evolution by natural selection

8. Not "faith" but empirical knowledge

9. Not "individualism" or "collectivism" but natural community

10. Not "egoism"/objectivism or "altruism" but mutual advantage

11. Not "idealism" but naturalism / study of nature

12. Not monotheism but "atheism" or humanism (it is we who should live like gods)

Not logic, but empirical reasoning

Not consumerism but moderation

Not flattery but frankness

Polystratus would have added:

Not moral relativity but moral realism

Metrodorus would have added:

Not vulnerability but self sufficiency