

The Archaic Smile

Post by “Kalosyni” of October 9, 2025 at 2:10 PM

Here is the photo to which [Martin](#) was referring to in post 6 above:



Quote

The following is from a posting made by forum member Martin:

...Gypsum copy of a statue of a dying (and smiling!) Greek warrior (Copies of this statue in other museums include the arrow in his chest which he appears to grab.)

"The smile features predominately on Archaic Greek statues from about 570 to 480 BC...

There have been many theories as to why this very distinct smile was depicted in Archaic sculpture."

Quoted from: <https://ancientart.tumblr.com/post/111696494...e-how-does-this>

Later statues usually do not show a smile.

The smile on the dying warrior might indicate a philosophy which did not see death as terrible at a time well before Socrates and then Epicurus came up with not to fear death.

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