

Apollo vs Dionysus - The Philosophical Issues and Where Epicurus Fits In

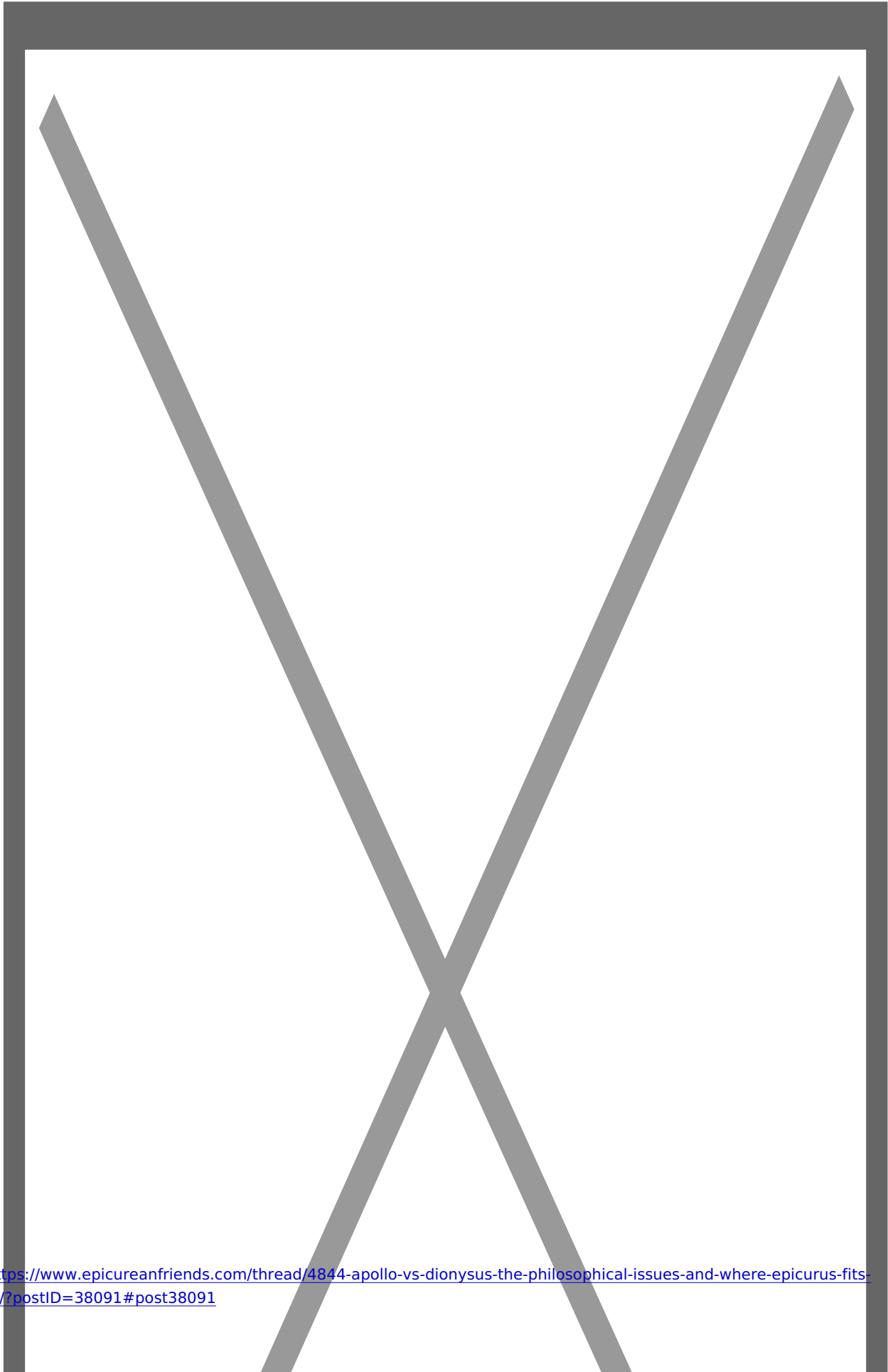
Post by "Cassius" of December 9, 2025 at 8:23 PM

Thanks to Eikadistes for his latest graphic:



This calls to my mind that at least as for me personally I have never come to terms with all the ink that has been spilled in philosophy over the apparent conflict between Apollo and Dionysus or what the controversy is even about apart from very basic allusions about drunkenness.

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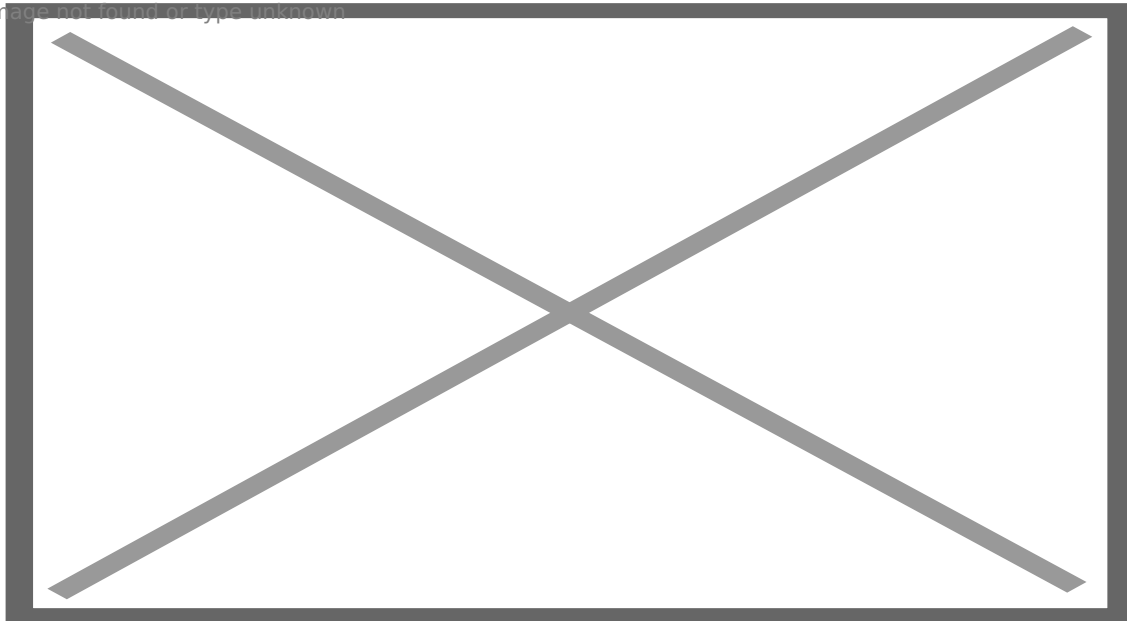


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[Nietzsche's Birth of Tragedy: Apollo and Dionysus](#)

It's more complicated than just order and chaos. . .

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I could probably dig into those two articles and come up with something that was satisfactory, but given that there is so much attention paid to this I think it might be worthwhile to discuss what would have been Epicurus' attitude about this controversy. I suspect that he would end up finding something good in both and something also to revise.

If anyone here has reviewed this and has a firm viewpoint on how ancient Epicurean would have viewed this, please post.