

Article By Dr. Emily Austin - "Epicurus And The Politics Of The Fear Of Death"

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It was a good meeting back on Sunday, and one question came up for me afterward, which is regarding the idea of security...can we accurately judge if we are living a life that is safe or not, and whether our basic need for security is being met?

Epicurus said that the first quick, easy, and commonly used understanding regarding a thing (or a word) is the best one to use (I can't remember the exact words or where that is). But also seems important to look at actual situations.

For our current time, it almost becomes about statistics (or being in the wrong place at the wrong time) - we are generally safe, but not totally safe (and it may depend on where one lives). With mass shootings happening, It seems these days if you want kids to "be safer", then homeschooling and attending an online college might help.

According to the article by Austin, we need (and have a natural and necessary need) to feel safe from being violently killed by others and this can't be done through reasoning because it isn't caused by irrational ideas. It can only be done "politically" meaning through creating laws and ways to make society safe.