

Revisiting Issues of The Use of AI in Epicurean Philosophy

Post by "Don" of April 1, 2026 at 7:37 AM

Hmmm...

I understand the context of this AI component now a little better after reading this in the other article's thread:

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[RE: Revisiting Issues of The Use of AI in Epicurean Philosophy](#)

Thank you Dave let me be clear as to the organization of the articles and address what some no doubt are wondering:

In these two articles I have taken my draft outline as well as prior articles I've written on these topics and input the mix to AI to help structure the organization and presentation. After I get a second draft I have then edited all phrasing to be sure that I can personally stand by the wording 100%.

I see this as similar to the AI art that I've included with each article. There...



Cassius

March 31, 2026 at 3:20 PM

This revelation on the use of AI to compose these articles does evoke *feelings* in me. I'm some ways, I feel cheated? Tricked? Fooled or made a fool of? Let's leave it at feeling *uneasy* for now.

If an AI application was used *simply* to fine tune syntax, grammar, and phrasing (like a "super" Clippy from 1990s Microsoft) I suppose I can see utility in that. If [Cassius](#) loaded in an outline, albeit a detailed outline, and prompted the AI to *compose* the article, I'm more uneasy with that. If, on the other other hand, the text used to train the AI was only Epicurean texts, only this forum, or only [Cassius](#) 's other writings and podcast transcripts, maybe that ameliorates my uneasy feelings. If I now understand that the eloquence in the article that I respected didn't come from a human mind but is a simulation of what [Cassius](#) might have written, I feel that eloquence is a facade, a masquerade, and that I was suckered in by a machine. I would like to understand how much is [Cassius](#) and how much is an AI application in those texts.

If the goal is Epicurean evangelism and the argument is that those ends justify any means, that path leads down eventually (and admittedly hyperbolically) to Epicurean-prompted bots posting

endlessly to FB, X, Instagram, etc., and replying algorithmically to human generated questions and comments, just to get the message out.

From my perspective, Epicurean philosophy is a human-centered philosophy based in human senses and human feelings and human reason in response to the natural, material world as humans experience it. Generative AI removes the human element from creative work, and the human element is what gives authenticity to what's expressed in those creations.

That summarizes my feelings. No AI was used in the composition of this post (unless you count spell-check and using a swipe keyboard on my phone).