

# Klavan's "Gateway To Epicureanism" (Note: The Title Is Part Of A "Gateway" Series - The Author Himself Is Strongly Anti-Epicurean)

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Reviews like this are why i don't bother reading anything critical of Epicurus anymore, NOT because i think their CANNOT be good criticisms of Epicurus, but because they always state something that is direct opposite of what he says in his doctrines multiple times.

And they basically do the Richard Wolff meme about Socialism where by "materialism is when nihilism happens, and the more nihilism happens the more materialistic it is, and when it's really nihilistic, it's Epicureanism."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rgiC8YfytDw> (Hope this doesn't violate politics rule)

## [Quote from Cassius](#)

"if small things don't matter, nothing does"

Gee, if only there a certain natural metric that humans had in order to determine what matters and what we should naturally pursue and avoid, like i dunno **pleasure**.

## [Quote from Cassius](#)

the physical consequences of Epicurean insignificance extend not just to seminar attendance but to "your marriage and family, your kid's first birthday, your parents' burial, your contributions to science or literature, your ancestry, your entire civilization, your species and your planet. Small, small, small.

Aw yes because the Epicureans were famous for not bothering with caring about anything in their culture, except for you know...

*Epicurus serving in military service for Athens.*

*The Epicureans celebrating their community and friendship on the twentieth of every month.*

*Epicurus calling for his father and brothers to be honored.*

*Hermarchus guarding Epicurus bones.*

*Epicurus making provisions for the children of Metrodorus.*

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/5040-klavan-s-gateway-to-epicureanism-note-the-title-is-part-of-a-gateway-series-the/?postID=39391#post39391>

*Lucretius trying to preserve Epicurus home from Memmius*

*Diogenes of Oenoanda writing for foreigners and future generations.*

*Longinus assassinating Caesar for the good of his country.*

#### [Quote from Cassius](#)

citing Einstein's ability to predict stellar phenomena from earthly reasoning as evidence that "some parts of our minds are structured not just in response to our local environment, but in conformity with the scaffolding of all things."

Jesus...this is so stupid. He claims a trained scientist with advanced tools and extremely complicated mathematical observation theory based on observation problems, being able to predict phenomena that hasn't even been thought of until recently in human history is proof of ...a divine mind somehow.

I genuinely think this is just another article saying the same thing as many before. If the universe is only material it would just be really depressing so that's not right. Statements said by pathetic people who can't appreciate life without some mythical friend in the sky.