

Welcome Luzveraz

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Here is a slightly edited note from Luzveraz telling us this:

Dear Cassius,

I am grateful to the founder and moderators of this website for promoting Epicureanism.

I used to be a PhD candidate in China majoring in theoretical quantum information science.

What prompted my interest in Epicureanism:

I think the difference between people is largely caused by environments where they grow up, and during my days on earth, I have a strong desire to be a good person, which rooted in the experience that I do not feel popular among my peers during my journey of study, perhaps due to lack of social skills and physical strength, thus I used to be unhappy and feel bad for myself. However, one day when I watched the anime movie Nobita and the New Steel Troops: ~Winged Angels~ as a teenager, combined with my observation of my joyful and inspiring peers, I begin to realize the feeling of true happiness and warmth in my heart is the judge of good and bad. I begin to be committed to the idea to "find and create true happiness", and I become happy with my life and unafraid of the future. I was so happy with my idea, that I wrote a lot about it in my diary. Guided by this idea, I studied math and had fitness in body, and as a child I wished to spread the idea to the world. But only two year later, I went through hardness which is beyond my endurance, my freedom was completely deprived and I was forced to participate foolish rat race for years, which continued to make me doubt my old idea. Now I figured that the ability to "find and create true happiness" is difficult to achieved in certain environments, which I used to believe can stand any trial.

If one had the patience to read my past, it is easy to see why Epicureanism appeals to me when I first read

For we recognize pleasure as the first good innate in us, and from pleasure we begin every act of choice and avoidance, and to pleasure we return again, using the feeling as the standard by which we judge every good. - Letter to Menoeceus

Then I learned that Epiucureanism treated the definition of true pleasure with great care and attention, and the more I read the more aspired I am to the wisdom within the lines. The brave attitude toward religion and death just add to my admiration to Epicurean teachings. I wished the flowers in the kepos is always blooming, for the people here outwitted the evil and spread the teaching of true wisdom.

I am a beginner in philosophy. I am most interested in Epicurean ethics and working-examples in concrete affairs. I am also interested in Epicurean view of the universe and physics. I know that Einstein wrote a forward for Lucretius' DRN in the 1923 version translated by Hermann Diels, and am reading DRN recently.

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