

Living The Hobo Life?

Post by "Cassius" of January 8, 2018 at 11:11 PM

Thanks for posting that. We have seen and mentioned that on the Facebook page in the past, but of course I doubt I can find that to reference it. I will have to refresh my memory:

FOUND IT! Here it is, and the reaction was what you would expect:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...54065381309088/>

Jason BakerGroup Admin Wolfgang Pauli would likely have had a pithy comment to make about this article. "Das ist nicht nur nicht richtig, es ist nicht einmal falsch!"The album was released on February and was released in " this is not just wrong, it's not even wrong!"Automatically Translated

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Cassius AmicusGroup Admin "Both Epicurus and his philosophical rivals the Stoics would quickly assert their definitions for 'good'. The Stoics would say that 'good' simply means 'benefit'." Oh good grief, is the entire article like this? BENEFIT??? what happened to virtue?

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Jason BakerGroup Admin It gets better*.

*read: worse.

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Cassius AmicusGroup Admin [Jason Baker](#) Yes you are right it does get worse!!!!

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Michael Carteron Yeah, that threw me too. "Benefit" sounds more in line with Epicureanism, although even then way off. I seriously have to doubt the author's knowledge of these philosophies.

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Cassius AmicusGroup Admin [Michael Carteron](#) - Right - he does not sound like he has read them deeply - unfortunately his superficial understanding is probably the way the majority of people are taught.

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Michael Carteron

Michael Carteron I would expect better from a philosopher.

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Cassius Amicus

Cassius AmicusGroup Admin " To Epicurus, satisfaction is the highest pleasure, whereas unfulfilled desire is the highest pain." Here I think we have another candidate for Ekshesh Bekele's possible view (?) that the eradication of desire is the goal of Epicurus [1f609.png](#) Image removed type unknown

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[Cassius AmicusGroup Admin](#) "After defining good and evil, Epicurus defined the good life. To Epicurus, the good life consists of experiencing as much pleasure, with as little pain as humanly possible. " Ironically this writer states a formulation better than we see in many other places, whether he realizes it or not. 1f609.png 😊 He's almost quoting the Ciceronian statement "nothing was preferable to a life of tranquility crammed full of pleasures."

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[Cassius AmicusGroup Admin](#) So he swerves off into politics and concludes: "In combination, these four large changes in nature make modern Epicureanism miserable and nearly impossible."

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[Cassius AmicusGroup Admin](#) In the end this is a good article to support why I crusade on the issues I do. The version of Epicureanism presented here is essentially the same taught by the majority of websites and academics, and if their version was correct I wouldn't want anything to do with it either.

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Michael Carteron

[Michael Carteron](#) Yeah, it's very odd. He seems to assume that Epicureans don't work or

something.

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Cassius AmicusGroup Admin Yep - I'm afraid he takes the stoic view of epicureans and carries it to its logical extreme - which in a way is to his credit, since he is being consistent with what he believes to be true.

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Ron Warrick I'm hoping this is unserious satire.

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Michael Carteron

Michael Carteron I doubt it.

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Cassius AmicusGroup Admin I would like to think satire too, but the drift of the article is what is popularly taught about Epicurus across the internet, eg the DeBotton "school of life" perspective, and even some who post here.

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Scott Heavner I think that the author of this article grossly exaggerated the tenants of Epicureanism. It would be like us saying that the perfect Stoic was a carbon copy of Mr. Spock (though I love Spock). Even a life lived in extreme Christian piety would fail this so called hobo test. Prudent living and fair assessment of life's necessities is a far cry from apathy. This author has a master's degree in philosophy? That kind of nauseates me.


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Cassius AmicusGroup Admin Apologies to the exceptions, but my perception is that the author is pretty typical of what one becomes when one has a master's degree in philosophy!
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