

Welcome new user Ataraxia

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Hi, everyone! It's nice to find this forum! Apologies for registering and dropping off for a bit - my time and energy tend to be somewhat limited, so I'll likely be lurkier than I am posty, as it were.

I read the request to new members stickied above, so to give an idea, my own knowledge of Epicureanism is probably more basic than many here, and I haven't really been actively involved in philosophy anywhere for about a year now. That said, it obviously appeals and my own philosophic background leans heavily on existentialism, with Epicureanism being sort of a cornerstone, along with infamous grouches like Schopenhauer, Sartre, Dostoevsky and Nietzsche.

On physics and epistemology, I don't quite know what to say, but the fact that Epicurean physics and epistemology kind of anticipate (sub)atomic theory, materialist secularism and empiricism while, I think, offering an additional and necessary component in an ethical and kind of metaphysical aspect, i.e. a framework for living and for dealing with human concerns in this life such as fear of mortality and clinging to superstitions as maladaptions, etc.... is a large part of the appeal.

Hopefully that made some sense. Lately I have been rather despairing about the state and probable future of the world and, since practice or belief centering anything supernatural or transcendent doesn't work for me, have turned back to Lucretius for some Big Picture Comfort™. I thought to look for a community of likeminded Epicureanish folks, and here I am.

Also! Hey! How on earth was this username not taken? I hit the signup button *so certain* I'd be kicked back to try again.