

What? A Two Thousand Year Warning From Epicurus Isn't Long Enough For You To Be Prepared?

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I'd say it's about the **willingness** they show to *learn* new things, and the **enthusiasm** they demonstrate through a conversation. If they've already decided **what** Epicurean philosophy *is*, and **who** we *are*, and they are unwilling to learn about the principle doctrines, then we'll have better luck communicating with our beloved pets.

If they are unwilling, I think an appropriate response is to share Principle Doctrine 39, which demonstrates that Epicureans have no desire to instigate a fight for the sake of *winning a fight*. Unlike many religious traditions, our understanding is independent of the faiths of idealists. **Nature** is the greatest teacher, and **God** is an *absent* teacher.

Another helpful point for detractors and antagonists to learn is that Epicurean physics functionally explains the world for all perspectives. You don't have to *believe* in Epicurean philosophy for physics to be universally applicable. *Rejecting gravity* doesn't nullify it; but **God** doesn't work unless you join his fan club. **Atomism** works, no matter who you are.

The same can be said of our ethics. God doesn't tell you to go to the bathroom, *your bowels do*. God doesn't tell you to eat, *your stomach does*. The Bible doesn't tell you when to sleep, *your body does*. No idealists out there claim to rely on Divine Reminders to satisfy their natural needs and cravings. *Unilateral faith* does not change one's needs.