

Happy Twentieth of October, 2019: What Would A Local Epicurean Organization Look Like?

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I would see the _end point_ as a group of close, likeminded friends who agreed on the core doctrines (I don't personally consider issues like having exact agreement on the prolepses as all that critical-- makes for interesting discussion) and who are actively practicing lives of pleasure.

I see them getting together multiple times a week because they enjoy each other's company so much that they wouldn't dream of waiting a whole week. Sometimes they'd do this in subsets according to their hobbies-- maybe some enjoy hiking and others don't. They'd want to eat together several times a week. No single person among them would wind up eating dinner alone, most likely. They bring each other casseroles and vegetables if they garden. If they crochet, they make each other hats, lol.

And while they are doing these things, the philosophy naturally is discussed in the context of daily life and decisions. Because they enjoy it.

I imagine once a week they'd have a more formal meeting to do a reading discussion together, like we're doing on Skype. And another public meeting once a month to give teachings. For sincere students, they would have a structured list of readings and students would meet regularly with guides to review their understanding.

I think they would write about how to live pleasantly as well, and apply the philosophy to modern events.

I can even see a "clinic", where members of the surrounding community could come when they needed to make decisions, and they could meet with a guide to help them figure out what the pleasurable choice would be, for them.

To get there from here... we need 2-3 people in one place as a core. One person can't do it alone -- you'd be eating without a likeminded friend--but could start as a teacher in hopes of developing such friendships!