

Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

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To Hiram Crespo Thessaloniki 15th of October 2014

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My dear Hiram,

I hope this parcel of mine to find you strong and well.

I am really sorry to say to you, but I did not manage to read your book.

As I told you I have many greek books to read now. I hope next month, I will read it.

Then I'll give it to my greek epicurean friend for giving it to the publisher of "XXXXXXXXXX" if there is a possibility to be translated into the greek language.

I enclose to you the tea of the mountain of gods, Olympus, and a bottle of a good virgin olive oil, as I promised.

I hope you enjoy both of them.

We keep in touch at the FB profile as usual.

With my best and friendly epicurean regards,

Elli XXX

This was the letter that I had sent to Hiram 5 years ago that is followed after he already sent me his book with an attached **cold letter by his publisher**. For speaking on Ethics that is to say, Hiram did not act like the wise Epicurus who was sending letters to his friends with many of his wise admonishments and **his feelings of care above all**.

However, when I did not manage for his book to be translated into the Greek language, due to the financial crisis that strikes and the editions in Greece, he did not like that of course. In the meantime, when I was speaking with frankness of speech to him e.g. as the above that is wrong to use the word "autarchy" for "self-sufficiency", as well as, for some other important issues OR when I spoke with frankness to some unknown and non-epicurean persons on the FB EP group,

he suggested to delete me as an admin and as an epicurean friend from there, and please think of it, that his suggestion was in the day of my birthday when he never wished me anything at all. And that is because I did not follow educational instructions on how to write comments with prologues, epilogues, paragraphs, commas, full stop, question marks, and exclamation points! The same educational instructions were for Cassius too. Yes, indeed, this is the "epicurean friendship" that Hiram is proclaiming about and around. I wonder now who builds walls around him ? And who is the person that was never participated in anything with anyone on that FB EP group from the beginning till now? In the meantime when the newcomers were passing by from there, many of Hiram's comments were ads for his book.

But the most important is that he imagines himself that is like Philodemus who was the chief-guide in a villa-school in the Roman city of Herculaneum that was supported by a wealthy sponsor with the name Piso, and all the people must obey his epicurean -mixed with idealism - teachings. And when someone will speak to him with frankness that somewhere he is wrong, first he speaks behind his back and then he says in front of that someone that he /she does not accept the Philodemus's parrhesia, as he/she has an ill-will using a harsh language, for taking all these as personal attacks to him or to someone else like him.

So, here are **some simple thoughts by Epicurus on the wise man :**

- A man cannot become wise in every kind of physical constitution, or in every nation.

- The wise man shows gratitude, and constantly speaks well of his friends whether they are present or absent.

- The Epicureans assert that the wise man will not make elegant speeches.

- The wise man will not become a tyrant.

- The wise man will leave books and memorials of himself behind him, but he will not be fond of frequenting assemblies.

- One wise man is not wiser than another.

- **The wise man gathers together a school, but never so as to become a leader of crowds.**
- **The wise man will give lectures in public, but it will be against his inclination and never unless asked.**
- **The wise man will teach things that are definite, rather than doubtful musings.**