

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

Post by "Elli" of December 28, 2019 at 2:40 PM

Hiram Crespo said : You will continue to push away friends and the only people you'll attract who will remain here will be flatterers.

I have the impression that he confuses the enrichment of feelings of empathy, understanding, care, pleasure, and joy with the flattering.

Maybe he did not have a clue that we do use all the criteria of truth of the Canon for judging rightly who are those that produce to us pleasurable feelings and who do not.

Does he say that we are naive ? Who said that Cassius and Elayne did not accept frankness of speech from me or me from them or from other persons? Does he know what we do say in our private messages to each other or on the private group of friends ?

Does he say that Elayne who is a doctor needs medication or Cassius needs too? Concerning me he does not comment, he will open the can with worms! Does he mean that I am a worm ?

Sorry, I am not a brown-nose for kissing filthy pants of such people that proclaim idealistic-humanism just for the purpose to sell any book. And sorry that I am not a Buddhist that I have to eliminate my self and my desires for reaching Nirvana. From the beginning, I did not agree with him with all these and these are the fist causes of our differences.

And again I say that I did not speak to Elayne behind her back and I did send to her a private message to understand each other better. This case is closed for us, and we are very closed friends now. But really, does he think that he was the reason for that ? Did he feel that he had any ability to inspire me to any beneficial thing after his actions with the translation of his book and as I commented to my first comment here ?

But really who speaks for all these ? The one that does not accept frank criticism from the beginning and the only he does is to speak to other persons and for other persons behind their backs ? I admit he has a master degree in intrigue.

However, for the flattering issue, we have Epicurus and some fragments of his letters to his friends that are as follows :

Epicurus to Leontion : "O Paeon and Anax Apollo, my dear little Leontion, with what tumultuous applause we were inspired as we read your letter."

Epicurus to Themista, the wife of Leonteus: "I am quite ready, if you do not come to see me, to roll around three times on my own axis and be propelled to any place that you, including Themista, agree upon".

Epicurus to the handsome Pythocles : "I will sit quietly and await with desire for your God-like coming".

...and, as Theodorus says in the fourth book of his work, Against Epicurus, in another letter to Themista he thinks he preaches to her.

Epicurus corresponded with many courtesans, and especially with Leontion, of whom Metrodorus also was enamored.

You are a bad-bad man Epicurus it seems in your above words that you flattered all the persons in your Garden, and you did not speak to each other with Parrhesia as Philodemus said!

Epicurus asks: who is Philodemus ?

Elli responds to Epicurus : O, he is just like a small hair from your testicles, my dear teacher!

