

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

Post by "Hiram" of December 30, 2019 at 4:57 PM

[Quote from Elayne](#)

But perhaps I have put words in your mouth. Can you tell me what you mean by perfect person without referring to any ideas you can't show me with perceptual examples? How do you define that?

I was paraphrasing a quote from Philodemus of Gadara's *Peri Parrhesia* (I think his "On Arrogance" may have said something similar):

Quote

"For how will the sage hate the one who commits pardonable mistakes, remembering that he is not perfect himself and that all men are accustomed to err?" - Philodemus of Gadara

The quote is an appeal to offer criticism to each other with the right spirit. I have it fresh in my mind because I just translated into Spanish DeWitt's "Organization and procedures in Epicurean groups".

Your obsession with labeling everything I say as "idealism" makes it impossible to use words as conventionally understood: a perfect person would be a person with no flaws or failings whatsoever, of any kind.

Now if "perfect" is an idealism, well that is the point! We are not ideal persons. We are real persons.