

[Historical Records] from The Epicurean Philosophy Facebook Group

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****THIS WEEK IN EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY - 06/27/2015****

** This is the one hundred and twelfth in a series of weekly reports on news from the world of Epicurean Philosophy. Our home base for discussion is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EpicureanPhilosophy/> Copies of these posts, and links to active Epicurean websites, are stored at EpicurusCentral.wordpress.com, and other discussion cites are referenced at the end of this post.

** We welcome all participants and lurkers. If you apply to participate and don't receive a reply promptly, please send an email to an admin about your interest in the group. We are here to discuss Epicurean Philosophy, have fun, and in the words of Lucian, "strike a blow for Epicurus - that great man whose holiness and divinity of nature were not shams, who alone had and imparted true insight into the good, and who brought deliverance to all that consorted with him!"

**I am posting this Saturday night, as at this very moment things are reaching a crisis stage with the financial system in Greece. The topic is being discussed here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...49919888390306/> and I hope our friends in Greece will keep us posted on developments in the coming days. Greece is the home of the most active group of Epicurean students anywhere in the world, and we certainly hope that they remain safe and sound as the crisis deepens.

**In other posts this week -

**Mark C. is a talented musician, and this week he posted a rough cut of a song he composed with on the theme of "[death is nothing to us](#)." It would be great to see Mark continue to work on this and develop other tunes with Epicurean themes. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...47431418639153/>

**Carlos V. posted a link to an article about "Classics for the People - Why We Should All learn from the ancient Greeks" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...47473258634969/>

**Hiram posted a link to a video by PhilosophyIO, which Hiram indicates has been discussing Epicurus recently. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...48325318549763/> Once again you'll find there the standard confusing discussion of how "static" pleasures are to be preferred *over* "moving" pleasures. Sigh. You can see the speaker choke on trying to describe that at the 2:30 point, if you like.... "Nothing is really going on, but it's just really enjoyable." Don't be

surprised if you find his explanation unimpressive.

**There was some significant followup conversation this week about Seneca's comments on "natural and necessary" desires. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...48288508553444/>

**Here as a commentary post on the tetrapharmakon - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...48994428482852/>

**Hiram posted a link to an article he wrote on "against the common good." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...49593331756295/>

**I posted a link to an excellent video about a reconstruction of a Roman town in Portugal. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...49540255094936/>

**This post discusses Vatican saying 14 and points out some improvements that could be made in the standard translations. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...49918281723800/>

**And then today, I posted a video of a bear jumping into a swimming pool and used it to highlight several important issues in discussing pleasure. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...50038705045091/>

**To end where we began, a lot is going on in Greece this week, and many of our Greek friends are focused on some issues of critical importance to their future. Hopefully we'll receive updates as the crisis unfolds, and we wish our friends in the homeland of Epicurus well as they go through this difficult time.

**Thanks to all who participated the the Facebook forum this week. As always, if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please add a comment or participate in the Epicurean Philosophy Facebook Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EpicureanPhilosophy/> or hop around the internet world of Epicurean Philosophy by checking the links here: EpicurusCentral.wordpress.com

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Live Well!

Cassius Amicus

**Options for those who wish to discuss Epicurus on the internet include:

1- If you are someone whose views are fully formed, and you've combined several disparate viewpoints into your own personal mix, and you mainly want to talk casually to other people of the same eclectic type, there are several excellent facebook groups including EPISTOBUZEN and "Epicureanism for Modern Times" that you can find by searching facebook.

2- If you are focused primarily on Epicurus, and you want to participate in a forum where people will defend Epicurus strongly from all challenges, then you have two Facebook options. Our open and main group, entitled simply "Epicurean Philosophy," is the home base of this post. Anyone can read the posts there, and all you have to do is ask in order to join. (Note that there is an "About" and a "Sticky" post with our forum rules.)

3 - If you prefer to post in a "private" group where your posts are not readable by outsiders, we

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/27-historical-records-from-the-epicurean-philosophy-facebook-group/?postID=74#post74>

have "Epicurean Private Garden." Because it is a private group, you cannot find it by searching, and you have to email one of our admins in the open group if you wish to join. Please note that our About and Sticky Post rules in the private forum are the same as the open forum, and the private forum will be moderated to the same standards as the open forum (or perhaps slightly tighter!)

4 - If you are not only focused primarily on Epicurus, but you wish to assist with a forum platform where pro-Epicurean activists can build for the future, check out <https://www.epicureanfriends.com/www.EpicureanFriends.com>. Work is starting on a FAQ and other resources. Anyone can read the posts, but only approved members can create new posts or comment.