

[Historical Records] from The Epicurean Philosophy Facebook Group

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THIS WEEK IN EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY - 07/4/2015

** This is the one hundred and thirteenth 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!”

**In followup to last week, events in the homeland of Epicurus are heating up fast. Tomorrow is the referendum that regardless of outcome appears to have important implications for the future of Greece. Posts on this topic include:

Elli transcribed into English and uploaded a complete copy of an article by George Kaplanis entitled “The Crisis And Epicurean Logic”
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...51735744875387/>

Posts on the referendum itself:<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...49919888390306/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...51606884888273/>

Elli's post on commentary by a UN Human Rights expert:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...51749811540647/>

Elli's post on a cite to Nietzsche:<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...51152371600391/>
My post relating a passage from Lucretius on difficult times:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...52247128157582/>

My post on “no fate but what we make for ourselves”
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...52578868124408/>

Elli's post on PD39<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...53062798076015/>

Other significant posts this week include:

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/27-historical-records-from-the-epicurean-philosophy-facebook-group/?postID=75#post75>

Hiram's post on "a ship is safe in harbor"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...50890291626599/>

Hiram's post on Paul as the great corrupter of the doctrines of Jesus
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...50890291626599/>

** My post on a thread at the Epicurus page interpreting Epicurus with stoic overtones (the comments, that is)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...50834738298821/>
My post on coming up with a better version of VS14 which doesn't refer to "leisure" (a word that does not appear in the text).
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...49918281723800/>

** Hiram's "How Religion is bad for ataraxia"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...51802331535395/>

**Hiram's post on the Uberization of the economy.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...51842461531382/>

**Alexander's link to an article on "fear and pleasure."
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...52492028133092/>

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*Jakob AE. posted a copy of a thesis he wrote on hedonism:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...52685454780416/>

**I posted on the relative scarcity of modern interest in the Epicurean commentary on politics/justice, even though these consume almost 25% of the space in the [Principal Doctrines](#).
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...52683688113926/>

**Elli's graphic on [PD39](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...53062798076015/>

**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

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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 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 <http://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=http%3...fx3yVxw&s=1> Work is starting on a FAQ and other resources. Anyone can read the posts, but only approved members can create new posts or comment.