

[Historical Records] from The Epicurean Philosophy Facebook Group

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*THIS WEEK IN EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY - 07/18/2015***

** This is the one hundred and fifteenth 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!"

** Summers have a tendency to be slower times for philosophy discussions, as Epicureans fill the warmer months with the activities of pleasant living, rather than dreaming up abstractions to change the world. Nevertheless this week we had several interesting threads, including:

**A discussion of the excerpt from Diogenes Laertius that emotion is no hindrance to wisdom. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...56496011066027/>

**Hiram's post on Vatican Saying 28: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...56908897691405/>

**Hiram's setting up of an Epicurean Discusion at Disqus.com: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...57032424345719/>

**Hiram's post on "An Epicurean Case for Pastafari" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...57763510939277/>

**My post on warning against taking superficially a saying of Marcus Aurelius: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...56880601027568/>

**Hiram's link to an article on "The self-deception of the intentionally childless." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...57820014266960/>

**Brent Rivera linked to "The Importance of Eating Together" which Epicurus surely would have endorsed:<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...56491324399829/>

**Elli created a new graphic on [PD32](#) and the nature of justice:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...57952624253699/>

**Hiram linked to "Philosophy Core Concepts - Epicurus on Mental and Bodily Pleasures"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...58728097509485/>

**And then, in our most-commented post of the week, the we discussed how to view the news about the ISIS child decapitating the Syrian soldier from an Epicurean perspective:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...58665174182444/>

**Then, just before press time, Hiram posted a link to "The Science Behind Eternal Consciousness" which Ilkka handled with a swift reference to Victor Stenger.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...59041297478165/>

**Thanks to all who participated in 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 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/> Work is starting on a FAQ and other resources. Anyone can read the posts, but only approved members can create new posts or comment.

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/27-historical-records-from-the-epicurean-philosophy-facebook-group/?postID=77#post77>