

[Historical Records] from The Epicurean Philosophy Facebook Group

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****THIS WEEK IN EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY - 08/01/2015****

** This is the one hundred and seventeenth 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!"

** After several slow weeks in July we've had a burst of activity to start August. And credit for the most-commented post of the week (perhaps the full year!) goes to Cecil the lion and Elli: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...63686343680327/> This post of course covered the killing of Cecil the lion, but also covered a wide range of issues. Closely related to that post was this one, also by Elli, on another "big game" hunter: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...64879300227698/> And also related was "The Hidden History of Greco-Roman Vegetarianism": <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...64171380298490/>

** In other posts:

** My "Action As A Requirement of Pleasure"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...62580217124273/>

**In another animal post, Alexander R. on dolphins:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...62814547100840/>

**Elli prepared a new graphic to mark the discovery of an earth-like planet in another galaxy:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...62814870434141/>

**Douglas M.da.S. asked about "An Archaeology of Ataraxia"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...63011853747776/>

**Elli posted an excellent essay on Christianity by Emma Goldman:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...62591103789851/>

**Elli prepared a new graphic on a comment by Nietzsche about Epicurus:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...63303370385291/>

**Hiram linked to a video about Epicurus on Friendship:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...63713037010991/>

**Domagoj started a thread on Epicurean political thought:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...62838913765070/>

**Hiram linked to an article on "meaning" as healthier than "happiness"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...63468200368808/>

**Elli created an excellent graphic based on a passage from Lucian on the importance of clear thinking. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...64038543645107/>

**Richard A started a thread on Buddha, Epicurus, and Lao Tse:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...64521853596776/>

**I started an article on "Purging Yourself of Stoicism" based on an article Domagoj sent my way: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...64925646889730/>

**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/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.