

Welcome LukeL!

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I then read Catherine Wilson's *How to be an Epicurean*, which I found informative, but lacking in its stated purpose, unfortunately.

Welcome, [LukeL](#) !

I had the same the same reaction to Wilson. Well stated! 😊

As for the "cult" aspect of classical Epicureanism, I agree with [Cassius](#) in that you need someone to start a school to get a school going, although when you read about the busts, rings, etc. that his followers had + the celebrations of the 20th and other regular celebrations of persons in the Epicurean "pantheon" (We live like unto the gods, right?), there was a little of that cult of personality. But I do think it was more father figure/founder than cult leader with Epicurus. I don't see the stereotypical mind and behavior control of a cult in the texts. Friendship and mutual support seemed the order.

As for the Garden itself: Do we know if everyone lived full time in the Garden or did they visit to learn or both? In other words, was it a residential "compound" or more like an actual school where people came for lessons and went back home? Do we know for sure? And I'm assuming Epicurean communities all over the ancient world were more informal, not necessarily having a Garden of their own.

Your farm sounds idyllic! "EpicuriCon 2025" at [LukeL](#) 's farm 😊 (It seems like we need some sort of -con to compete with [StoiCon and Stoic Week](#))

Εὐ πράττειν! May you practice well!