

# **[Historical Records] from The Epicurean Philosophy Facebook Group**

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**\*\*THIS WEEK IN EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY - 08/15/2015\*\***

\*\* This is the one hundred and nineteenth 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](http://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!"

\*\* Here are the highlights of this week's posts:

\*\* Much conversation continued on posts from earlier weeks that revolved around issues of religion, and I posted a refresher on Lucian's "Alexander the Oracle-Monger" to remind us of the Epicurean examples of how to deal with the topic: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...68980213150940/>

\*\* In a similar vein, the issue arose of whether epistemology comes before physics, or vice versa, and we discussed how the Epicureans treated the topics together: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...69402559775372/>

\*\*Thanks to Michael H. for posting a link to the Archeology Magazine article on Diogenes of Oinoanda. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...70396506342644/>

\*\*We also had a post on the topic of religion vs philosophy and how "reason" may not adequately convey the proper alternative to religion. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...70788312970130/>

\*\*Ellip P posted what turned out to be the longest discussion of the week, on how a researcher theorizes that the fall of the Roman Empire can be attributed to biology. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...68495483199413/>

\*\*Elli P also posted links to what may be a new source for a statue of Epicurus - this one in a standing pose. She has promised to keep us up to date on this new source.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...70925316289763/>

\*\*Hiram posted a link to a "Patheos.com" article on the influence of Randian ideas on society.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...71307882918173/>

\*\*And most recently as I posted this is a new blog entry at NewEpicurean.com which compares the faculty of pleasure to the nature of money.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...71607402888221/>

\*\*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.