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****THIS WEEK IN EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHY - 08/22/2015****

** This is the one hundred and twentieth 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!"

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

**New rumblings of political and economic changes began to be heard around the world last week, as the summer begins to draw to a close, and posting this past week was light. Before we check the highlights, this is a good time to remember that no matter what happens in the world at large, there are eternal issues of truth and untruth that lay just beneath the surface in almost every issue, so it never pays to get so distracted by current events that we forget the philosophical underpinnings.

** To start off the week, Hiram posted a link to discussion of his "Religion As Play blog post: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...72069022842059/>

** Thanks to Domagoj for finding an article about how the "lorem ipsum" dummy text used by typographers derives from the Epicurean portion of Cicero's "On Ends." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...74265649289063/>

**This past week included the Twentieth of the month, and both I and Steve K. posted on the topic. My post was about the question of whether "virtue is its own reward." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...74634485918846/>

** Steve K's post was to a well written article "Why Epicurus Matters Today" <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...74460055936289/>

** Last for the week was my post on "Things That Never Change, and Things That Do" highlighting the twelve fundamental principles of physics that Epicurus held to be the foundation of his philosophy. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Epicure...75110749204553/>

** That's it for the weekly update - a short update for a short week. This can be expected to pick up as the season changes, so please be sure to post your comments, questions, and links as they occur to you.

**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.