

Welcome Obscure!

Post by "Cassius" of November 20, 2019 at 6:59 PM

Welcome [Obscure](#) ! When you get a chance, please tell us about yourself and your background in Epicurean philosophy.

It would be particularly helpful if you could tell us (1) how you found this forum, and (2) how much background reading you have done in Epicurus. As an aid in the latter, we have prepared the following list of core reading.

Thanks for joining us and we look forward to talking with you.

----- Epicurean Works I Have Read -----

1 The Biography of Epicurus By Diogenes Laertius (Chapter 10). This includes all Epicurus' letters and the Authorized Doctrines. Supplement with the Vatican list of Sayings.

2 "Epicurus And His Philosophy" - Norman DeWitt

3 "On The Nature of Things"- Lucretius

4 Cicero's "On Ends" - Torquatus Section

5 Cicero's "On The Nature of the Gods" - Velleius Section

6 The Inscription of Diogenes of Oinoanda - Martin Ferguson Smith translation

7 "A Few Days In Athens" - Frances Wright

8 Lucian Core Texts on Epicurus: (1) Alexander the Oracle-Monger, (2) Hermetimus (3) Others?

9 Plato's [Philebus](#)

10 Philodemus "On Methods of Inference" (De Lacy version, including his appendix on relationship of Epicurean canon to Aristotle and other Greeks)

11 "The Greeks on Pleasure" -Gosling & Taylor Sections on Epicurus, especially on katastematic and kinetic pleasure.

12 Chance and Natural Law in Epicurean Philosophy - AA Long -

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Post by “Obscure” of November 21, 2019 at 10:59 PM

Hello. I received the email greeting with the requests to share "(1) how you found this forum, and (2) how much background reading you have done in Epicurus." Where do I do this? When I try to enter answers in my profile, I am told the message is too long, even when I reduce it way down. Thanks!

Post by “Cassius” of November 22, 2019 at 1:34 AM

Obscure: if you can, please go ahead and respond as a reply to the welcome message and I will in the meantime adjust the setting on the profile to see if I can fix that problem. That has come up before and I thought it already was fixed. Thanks!

Edit; Obscure, I have now dramatically increased the space available in the profile to the maximum. Please try again as it should work this time. Thanks!

Post by “Cassius” of November 22, 2019 at 1:51 AM

[Martin](#) I know that you had this problem. When you get a chance could you try again too and let me know if you now have more space in your profile? thanks.

Post by “Martin” of November 22, 2019 at 9:56 AM

I plan to do that within the next few weeks.

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