

Social Media - Twitter

Post by “Cassius” of April 17, 2021 at 10:10 AM

The NewEpicurean twitter feed is [here](#).

The Society of Epicurus twitter feed is [here](#).

Post by “Cassius” of May 14, 2021 at 1:50 PM


I had a friend today send me this tweet and retweet mentioning Epicurus sent by Lara Logan, the former CBS reporter, who has some 200,000 followers. In case it's not clear from the paste below, Logan retweeted the post from "Mike Frez," which is how it came to our attention. Logan's retweet of the slam against Epicurus (attributing Marx to Epicurean views) was probably innocent enough - she didn't comment on it and very possibly didn't know better - but I thought it a good opportunity to reply to someone with lots of followers who had mentioned Epicurus. Darn that you can't say more in 140 characters.


designed a system of economic organisation -no mention of the millions who've died as a result of Marxism or the eradication of religion.

Revolutions and Nations Biography

Karl Marx

c.1818–1883

**WHY HE MADE HISTORY** Karl Marx was an influential philosopher and writer. His writings are considered the foundation for Communism.



As you read the biography below, think about how Karl Marx's revolutionary and controversial ideas affected society at the time during which he lived.

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Mike Frez @frez_mike · 3h

Marx wrote his PhD dissertation on the philosophy of Epicurus who believed that there was no afterlife and no God. There is only the material world and nothing else. This is the core of his atheism. If there is no afterlife, it is okay to kill since there are no moral bounds.

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Ms. Logan: Be aware that a slam against Epicurus is a slam against Thomas Jefferson, who wrote "I too am an Epicurean. ... the doctrines of Epicurus [contain] everything rational in moral philosophy which Greece and Rome have left us." Marx's faults do not derive from Epicurus.



Post by “Eikadistes” of May 14, 2021 at 3:19 PM

Quote

"I have a great tenderness for [Heraclitus] and **of the ancients I only prefer Aristotle more**. The later philosopher – Epicurus (especially this one) [...] I've made an object of special study, but more out of [...] than philosophical interest" (*Marx, Doctoral Thesis*)

Post by “Cassius” of May 14, 2021 at 3:54 PM

Great! Thank you Nate!

Post by “Cassius” of May 14, 2021 at 3:59 PM

Darn I can't seem to verify anything lately. Nate I am looking for that but not finding it [here](#), which appears to be a complete copy of the thesis. Do you have a better source?

Post by “Don” of May 14, 2021 at 4:11 PM

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/2709662?seq=1>

Post by “Don” of May 14, 2021 at 4:13 PM

That quote's in a letter from Marx to LaSalle evidently.

Post by “Cassius” of May 14, 2021 at 5:01 PM

Ha I was trying to verify what those three dots meant - based on that I guess we'll never know!

Post by “Don” of May 14, 2021 at 6:31 PM

This one posits (political) reasons

[https://wikirouge.net/texts/en/Lette...cember 21, 1857](https://wikirouge.net/texts/en/Lette...cember_21,_1857)

but that appears to be as much conjecture as the title to P Herc 1005 (ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ...)

Post by “Martin” of May 15, 2021 at 6:39 AM

"Karl Marx ... designed a system of economic organisation"! This nonsense reportedly taught at U.S. schools calls for immediate refutation.

Karl Marx produced elaborate analysis and criticism of capitalism, thought that the transition from capitalism to communism was unavoidable and proposed a strategy how to accelerate that transition by abolishing democracy along with capitalism.

He did not design a system of economic organization with which to replace capitalism. Lenin recognized this painfully after the revolution:

"As Lenin admits, there is hardly a word on the economics of socialism to be found in Marx's work - apart from such useless slogans as 'from each according to his ability, to each according to his needs'". [p. 91/92 in Karl Popper's "The Open Society and Its Enemies"]