

New Member Zoom Meeting

Post by “Kalosyni” of December 13, 2022 at 9:02 AM



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Just for forum newbies! We'll give a short presentation on basic Epicurean philosophy and answer any questions. This also offers the opportunity to meet and talk with others who are studying Epicurean philosophy.

Open to all Level 1 members

Date and time: TBD (potentially once per month)

Cassius and I will host this New Member Zoom Meeting for anyone who is a Level 1. We want to provide more opportunities for learning and meeting others of like-mind. Even if you have been

on the forum for a time, you are still welcome to join. This is for all Level 1 members because it will be at a more basic level of understanding than what a Level 3 member would be at.

If we get enough interest, then we will have a first meeting in January. So please post your interest here in this thread. If we get at least two people then we will go ahead to set a date and time.

Post by “Cassius” of December 13, 2022 at 9:39 AM

Just to avoid any confusion or fear that this will amount to a "Cassius lecture session" ---

We need to talk about this but I think we expect to welcome other long-time regulars on the forum to participate and contribute as well. At the very least as Kalosyni says one of the two of us will be present to host the session, but we've yet to formulate exactly the format so other long-time regulars are encouraged to be part of the welcome team. "Open to all level one members" means primarily that the session is aimed at helping new people, not "we don't want level three and above members to participate."

Post by “Kalosyni” of December 13, 2022 at 9:45 AM

Also, it came to me that we could have people listen to a recording beforehand -- something very introductory, and then discuss it. So maybe no short presentation during the Zoom will be needed.

Possibly this one: "A Five-Pointed Star"

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fobzlg-x6s0>

Post by “Cassius” of December 13, 2022 at 9:55 AM

Oh gosh - four years ago - no telling what I said back then but if you think it's helpful then maybe so.

I'm much more fond of [this presentation](#), which may also come through a "Cassius" filter, but which is more insulated from error by sticking more strictly with the texts:

<https://youtu.be/7JWG1Xt1bGg>

Post by “Kalosyni” of December 15, 2022 at 2:19 PM

I think both of these are good introductory videos, which each have their own flavor. And I favor the "Five-pointed Star" as a very good overview, possibly good for putting into the Epicurus College.

Interesting quotes: "Happiness is best thought of here as the consciousness of pleasure predominating over pain" -- and -- "Pleasure over time which is what we come to conclude is the best definition of happiness".

Would you define happiness differently now?

Post by “Cassius” of December 15, 2022 at 2:23 PM

[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

Would you define happiness differently now?

Ha probably I would define it differently every time I think about it 😊

But surely the consciousness of the predominance of pleasure over pain, and not just in length of time, must be a major part of it.