

# July 26, 2023 - Wednesday Night Zoom Agenda - Vatican Sayings 14 & 15

Post by "Cassius" of July 23, 2023 at 1:06 PM

**[NOTE: If you are a new member who has not previously attended a meeting, click here for background information on how to attend and obtain the Zoom link.](#)**

Here are our topics for this week:

## **1 - The Vatican Sayings:**

VS14. We are born once and cannot be born twice, but for all time must be no more. But you, who are not master of tomorrow, postpone your happiness. Life is wasted in procrastination, and each one of us dies while occupied. [\[6\]](#)

VS15. We value our characters as something peculiar to ourselves, whether they are good, and we are esteemed by men or not, so ought we value the characters of others, if they are well-disposed to us.

## **2 - Our Special Topic**

Aside from general guidance to follow pleasure and avoid pain, is there anything in Epicurean philosophy that tells a particular person what particular pleasure to choose or pain to avoid at any particular time. In other words, this is a variation of the old question: "Is one pleasure or activity in itself 'better' than another?" Is it possible to come up with a coherent analysis of how we would recommend a particular person at a particular time to proceed? Is all we can say is "It's contextual and up to you!" Or is there more for which we can find justification in the Epicurean texts?

Attendees should also plan to be sure they are on Kalosyni's conversation list. If you are not already on that and want the Zoom link so you can attend, please message [Kalosyni](#) or any other [moderator](#).

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## **Post by "Cassius" of July 27, 2023 at 4:54 AM**

Joshua posted a supplement on something we mentioned in this discussion, It deserves a thread of its own and is now here:

Thread

## Piero de Cosimo's Lucretius - Inspired Paintings

[epicureanfriends.com/wcf/attachment/3989/](http://epicureanfriends.com/wcf/attachment/3989/)

Piero di Cosimo, *A Hunting Scene*, c. 1500

Text from the [Metropolitan Museum of Art](#):

[...]

And so now,

in what remains, my train of argument

has now brought me to this point, where I must

set down an explanation how the world

is a mortal substance and was born,

how a collection of materials

established earth, heaven, sea, stars, sun,

and the moon's globe, then what living creatures

sprang from earth, as well as those never born

at any time, how the human race began

to...



Joshua

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