

'The Hedonicon' Book Trailer (With Nate in the Sugar Mill Gardens - SoFE)

Post by “Eikadistes” of January 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM

My wife shot and cut an pseudo-interview for *The Hedonicon* with me, hosted by [Hiram's Society of Friends of Epicurus](#):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ABxW64sFW8>

I mean to share the text contained therein:

"GREETINGS to friends and fellow atom prophets! My name is Nate—I am an Epicurean—and I just published *The HEDONICON*, the world's first 'Epicurean Bible'.

So, first, 'Why call it *The Hedonicon*?' Consider that [*the first chronicle of*] the Christian evangel was called the *Evangelicon*, and the anthology of the apostles was called the *Apostolicon*, so, I thought it was appropriate to canonize the *Holy Book of Epicurus* with the target of his teachings: *Hēdoné ... Pleasure, pure, incorruptible pleasure*, the *Alpha* and *Omega* of the blessed existence.

I created The Book for a few reasons: *First*, I think we need it. The old *Holy Books* are all full of holes, and the lazy skepticism of our time is as unhelpful as the cheap metaphysics that are eaten up by the masses. *Second*, I did it to consecrate (what I call) *my religion*. Aside from that, I hope that students of *Hellenistic philosophy* and *Latin poetry* will benefit from this compilation. *Finally*, I wish to share with my Christian friends an ancient wisdom tradition, organized in a familiar format, that spreads a gospel of love, faith, and fellowship, yet neither requires suspension of disbelief in a mythic history, nor compliance to an incomprehensible LORD.

As far as that goes, *The Hedonicon* is a *Holy Book*, just not your *typical Holy Book*. As a *Holy Book*, it preserves the most important truths that *elevate* human existence. You will find *God* in this Book ...though *that image in your mind* neither created the world nor cares for it. You will find the testimony of the *soul* ... which lives and dies with the body. You will find *faith* ... in a real world of sensation and science.

***Conviction* comes from the *Principles of Nature*, not from a *magic wizard* and an *ancient prophecy*. The *Genesis* of this '*Bible*' is Particle Physics, and the *Revelation* of this '*Bible*' predicts an endless dance of atoms across an infinite void. *The Hedonicon* is the only *Holy Book* that anticipates the existence of plants and animals on other worlds, and the only *Holy Book* sound enough to steer our souls through**

the storms of the 21st-century.

I hope you find it to be entertaining and instructive."

Post by "Cassius" of January 21, 2024 at 3:38 PM

Great to see you "live" Nate! Very well and forcefully worded too. For those who may have questions about the Society of Epicurus, please see [FAQ entry here](#).

Post by "Cassius" of January 23, 2024 at 12:41 PM

We have split out the discussion of "Considering Epicurean Philosophy As A Religion" to the thread below. There are many other aspects of Nate's video that are worth discussing so let's use the remainder of this thread to discuss all aspects of the video except the religious aspect, and let's discuss the "religion" issues over here:

Thread

[Pros and Cons Of Considering Epicurean Philosophy To Be A "Religion"](#)

Let's get out in front of some questions that people might ask about [Nate's Hedonicon video](#). For example:

[...]

What is an appropriate answer to someone who would criticize the idea of seeing Epicurean philosophy as a "religion?"

The answer would probably involve first dealing with the old problem of definitions and talk about what it means to be a "religion."

1. What is a fair definition of a "religion?"
2. Does the definition of religion itself require that all religions be "bad," or is it possible to

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Cassius

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