

Why And How Epicurus Would Disagree With Ayn Rand / Objectivism - General Thread

Post by “Cassius” of October 16, 2025 at 4:22 PM

Despite my own past reading in this subject I've never opened a forum on this comparison, but it's probably time to do so and should lead to all sorts of points of disagreement, especially in ethics but also (or especially) in canonics. Please remember our forum rules and confine this discussion to philosophical issues rather than the political issues with which she is commonly identified. It may also be appropriate here to talk about "Libertarianism," but again focusing on its philosophical roots and not on its political implementation.

Years ago I wrote this article at NewEpicurean about Objectivism, but there may be people here on the forum who would like to explore the philosophical (rather than political) aspects of this topic.

[Objectivism: The “Worst and Most Dangerous” Philosophy In America - NewEpicurean](#)

Given Rand's emphasis on Aristotle and her in her own writing (to my knowledge) stifling Epicurus from even any mention, I think there are important philosophical problems in Objectivism that would be worthwhile to discuss.

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Post by “Kalosyni” of October 18, 2025 at 1:42 PM

fyi ... I found this old thread:

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[Epicurean Philosophy vs. Objectivism \(Ayn Rand\)](#)

At the moment there is no subforum devoted to this, so here's a thread with a very pointed starting point:

Ayn Rand / Objectivism

Epicurus

Until and unless you discover that money is the root of all good, you ask for your own destruction. When money ceases to be the tool by which men deal with one another, then men become the tools of men. Blood, whips, and guns— or dollars. Take your choice— there is no other— and your time is running out. (Ayn Rand - Atlas Shrugged)

And for



Cassius

March 1, 2021 at 9:08 AM

Post by “Cassius” of October 18, 2025 at 3:30 PM

If that's not already in the new forum section we will move there.