

# **Happy Twentieth of December 2025!**

**Post by “Kalosyni” of December 20, 2025 at 8:58 AM**

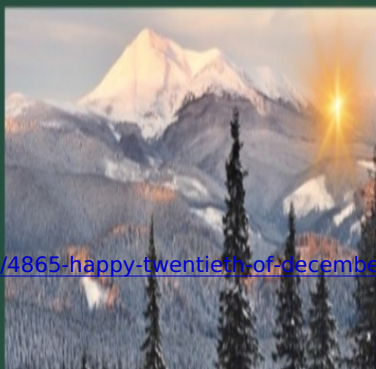


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Athenaeus, Deipnosophists, XII p. 546E: Not only Aristippus and his followers, but also Epicurus and his welcomed kinetic pleasure; I will mention what follows, to avoid speaking of the “storms” {of passion} and the “delicacies” which Epicurus often cites, and the “stimuli” which he mentions in his On the End-Goal. For he says “For I at least do not even know what I should conceive the good to be, if I eliminate the pleasures of taste, and eliminate the pleasures of sex, and eliminate the pleasures of listening, and eliminate the pleasant motions caused in our vision by a visible form.



Happy Twentieth Everyone!

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## Post by “Joshua” of December 20, 2025 at 8:31 PM

Here is that passage from [Lorenzo Valla's De Voluntate](#):

[6] According to my Epicurus, however, nothing remains after the dissolution of the **living being**, and in the term **“living being”** he included man just as much as he did the lion, the wolf, the dog, and all other things that breathe. With all this I agree. They eat, we eat; they drink, we drink; they sleep, and so do we. They engender, possess some part of reason and memory, some more than others, and we a little more than they. We are like them in almost everything: finally, they die and we die—both of us completely. But we shall have knowledge of this—or rather we shall have no knowledge—when we have departed from this life. As for now, however, let us serve what we know and what is the only good in life, pleasure. [7] If they offered us the Elysian Fields, I should consider it most foolish to give up certain goods for uncertain ones, particularly when both goods are of the same kind. And since they acknowledge that there are no corporeal goods among the dead, why should we listen to them when they deny us the pleasures of the body, and especially when, if we may believe the poets, bodily pleasure here below forms a kind of step to those Elysian pleasures? Therefore, for as long as possible (would that it were longer!), let us not allow those bodily pleasures to slip away that cannot be doubted and cannot be recovered in another life. As much as we can (and we can do much), let us most generously gratify our eyes, ears, palates, nostrils, hands, feet, and other parts, which I hope you will do even without my encouragement.

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## Post by “Joshua” of December 21, 2025 at 1:15 AM

And here is a thread on William Short, in which I recounted the anecdote where he saved a boy from drowning:

Thread

### [The Long Neglect of William Short](#)

Here's an interesting thought; what do we actually know about this guy?

Judging from Mr. Jefferson's letter in reply, we may infer that William Short, like Jefferson, positively identified himself as an Epicurean. Cassius' recent reading of Frances Wright's other work has me thinking that there might be gems hidden here as well.

He was a talented, capable, brilliant protégé of Thomas Jefferson, and a deft hand at diplomacy. He forsook the dream of a high and polished political career in his...



Joshua

October 5, 2020 at 6:48 PM