

Epicurean virtues listed by importance

Post by “godek” of January 28, 2019 at 8:45 PM

What are all the epicurean virtues listed by importance?

Isn't it go something like honesty gratitude prudence moderation courage???

Post by “Cassius” of January 29, 2019 at 6:58 AM

Godek I am not sure it is even a valid idea to list them by importance without defining your criteria for what is important. Since there is no Fate there is no single set of challenges that everyone will face in any set order. No doubt you could list "virtues" in order of number of times that they are referenced, or you could look for references to things which are stressed such as "prudence" in Cicero's "On Ends."

As I think of that reference, that might qualify as your "most important" but aside from a few references like that I am not aware of any list.

Of your list, I would question whether "moderation" is valid to include, or a virtue at all in Epicurean terms, since moderation itself is understandable only in relation to other ambiguous terms (too much, too little, but is it not outside factors that determine all three?)

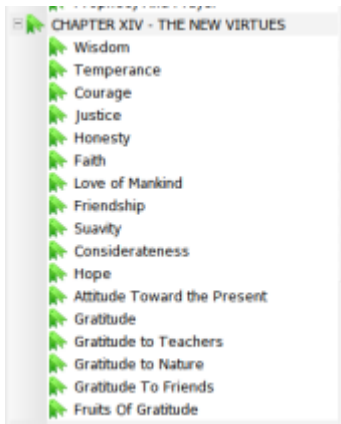
Post by “godek” of January 29, 2019 at 7:01 AM

Okay then what are all the virtues for an epicurean to follow?

Post by “Cassius” of January 29, 2019 at 8:08 AM

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see what is of most immediate relevance to you. If there were a set list that applied to everyone in the same way at all times, then that would imply a fate or guiding hand that does not exist. Check DeWitt's chapter on "The New Virtues" chapter 14 where he discusses them this way:



Post by “Hiram” of January 29, 2019 at 9:42 AM

On Epicurean Virtue

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Dialogue on Virtue

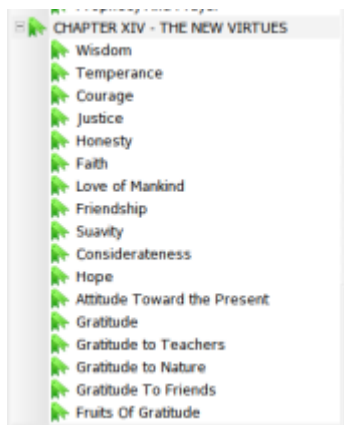
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Post by “godek” of January 31, 2019 at 7:06 PM

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Where did you get an ebook to format the chapter like that? Debating if I should by the digital one from google play.

Post by “Cassius” of January 31, 2019 at 8:15 PM

Hi Godek - that is just the bookmark in my personal PDF copy of DeWitt.

Post by “godek” of January 31, 2019 at 9:28 PM

Is that bookmarks with moon reader?

Post by “Cassius” of February 1, 2019 at 7:47 AM

No, actually that's an old copy of PDF-Exchange.

Interesting that you ask though, because I am constantly fiddling with software to organize and reference my notes. Right now I am pretty much into DokuWiki as used on the wiki page here, but outlining and other similar software is a major interest of mine. Do you have a favorite program for organizing your research?