

# Just a Hello

## Post by “foggytown” of February 1, 2016 at 3:49 PM

Hello fellow Epicureans and those interested in the teachings of Epicurus. Thank you to Cassius for setting up this board. I've been following New Epicurean and related blogs and sites for some time and am happy to see this forum set up outside of Facebook (as I deleted my Facebook account some 5 years ago.) I've self identified as an Epicurean for just under 10 years after a couple of years of vainly attempting to fit into the Stoic mold. I still enjoy studying all of the Hellenistic philosophies and my own version of Epicureanism may be a little more eclectic than some. Besides that, I moved to small-town Missouri a year and a half ago after living in Berkeley, CA for 20 years. I sought a slower more genuine, more intentional, life with less concrete in it; this area, that I once referred to as flyover country, provides that. I am looking forward to see how this board evolves, I know that it is off to a good start having studious and eloquent folks involved.

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## Post by “Cassius” of February 1, 2016 at 4:09 PM

Thank you very much for posting Foggytown! Glad to have you and I look forward to a long and productive relationship. Facebook is definitely a mixed bag, and there are so many ways in which it can't be trusted that one has to be very careful if one uses it at all. I've always been quick to point out that "live unknown" comes to us without any context, and so we have to be careful with it, but Facebook is a good example of how putting out a little information about oneself can have totally unpredictable consequences. Much good can come from it, but so can much that is bad, and so this is another good place for a quote from the letter to Menoecus: *"Nor does he [the wise man] hold chance to be a god, as the world in general does, for in the acts of a god there is no disorder; nor to be a cause, though an uncertain one, for he believes that no good or evil is dispensed by chance to men so as to make life blessed, though it supplies the starting-point of great good and great evil. He believes that the misfortune of the wise is better than the prosperity of the fool. **It is better, in short, that what is well judged in action should not owe its successful issue to the aid of chance.**"*

*PS - We are just getting off the ground with posting on the forum, so please be sure to let me know if you run into any problems. This software is among the most advanced that is available, but it has to be set up properly, and it may not be configured correctly yet. As an embarrassing example, until yesterday I had the permissions set incorrectly and no one but me had a "post*

*new thread" button! But I think over the last few days things are finally falling into place.*

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**Post by "Alexander Rios" of February 1, 2016 at 4:34 PM**

Greetings. My first post here. Am looking forward to participating here in the future. 😊

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**Post by "Cassius" of February 1, 2016 at 4:44 PM**

Thanks for dropping by Alexander! I think I am going to hope that people will start their own new thread rather than add to each person when someone says hello, but i'm happy to see you under any circumstances - and my replying will allow you to test how notifications work 😊