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### Why Epicurus Matters Today

Epicureans shunned politics because it could lead to frustrations and ambitions which can directly conflict with the epicurean pursuit for peace of mind and virtues.

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Epicurus and the Epicurean Tradition. Second, there is no judgment during life.

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Objects continually throw off one-atom-thick layers, like the skin peeling off of an onion. The communards who followed him adopted the pleasure principle as their guide: the purpose of life is to maximise pleasure.

### Epicureanism and Stoicism: Lessons, Similarities and Differences

Avuyah's heterodoxy, and Ben Zom'a's gnosticism Epicureanism and Gnosticism were equated also by the Church Fathers. Natural science is needed in order to give mechanistic explanations of natural phenomena and thus dispel the fear of the gods, while philosophy helps to show us the natural limits of our desires and to dispel the fear of death.

### Epic Swerve

Furthermore, the properties of macroscopic bodies and all of the events we see occurring can be explained in terms of the collisions, reboundings, and entanglements of atoms. For if the void were infinite and bodies finite, the bodies would not have stayed anywhere but would have been dispersed in their course through the infinite void, not having any supports or counterchecks to send them back on their upward rebound. The Riddle of Epicurus, or Problem of evil, is a famous argument against the existence of an all-powerful and providential God or gods.

### The Philosophy of Epicurus

Epicureanism went defunct as a practiced tradition circa 400CE. Epicureanism taught that the highest state a person could attain was ataraxia—absolute peace—and aponia—complete absence of mental, emotional, and physical distress or need. One Old Testament writer, the author of Eccl, may have been influenced by its spirit, though he did not adopt all its ideas.

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