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The Scientific Humanism of Epicurus

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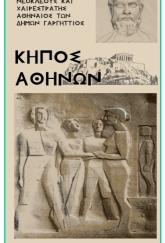
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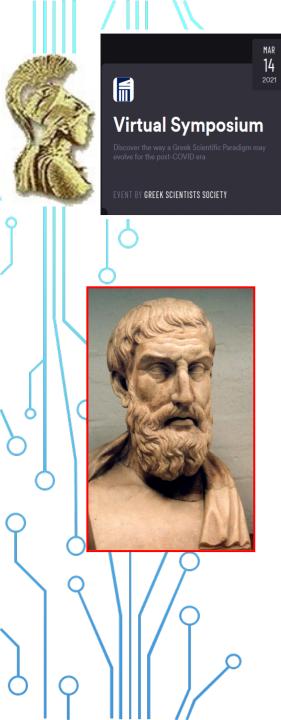
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The Scientific Humanism of Epicurus

- The best philosophical guidance is
 Scientific Humanism (Επιστημονικός Ανθρωπισμός)
- Combination of Science (objective, empirical knowledge) with Bioethics (based on human nature) for social utility and individual happiness (ευδαιμονία)
- In fact as expressed with clarity and consistency by the ancient Athenian philosopher Epicurus (Επίκουρος)

Epicurus the Athenian (341-270 BCE) **Proto-Enlightenment philosopher**

- Empiricist
- Naturalist
- Humanist

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atoms and void, atomic weight, atomic nature of senses, emerging chemical properties based on atomic structure, molecular basis of disease, necessity and chance, free will, evolution of species based on natural selection, multitudes of worlds in the universe, justice as a social contract, progress of civilization etc.

- Criteria of truth: Senses, Emotions, Collective Perceptions
- Aiming in happiness (ευδαιμονία) i.e. mental tranquility (αταραξία) and absence of physical pain (απονία)
 By Means

of the empirical study of nature (naturalistic science) and resulting prudence (practical wisdom, φρ ονη σις) of virtue (αρετή) and friendship (φιλia)

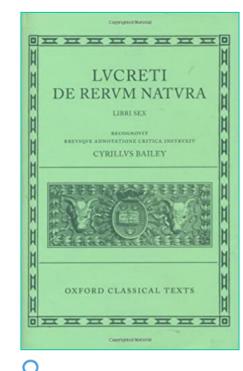
The Epicurean Philosophy (300 BCE-400 CE)

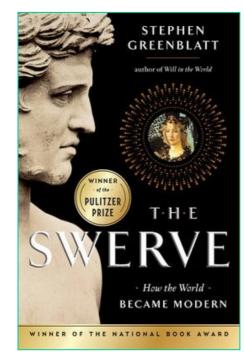
was the first international, multilingual, humanistic movement that influenced thousands of people (Greeks, Romans, Syrians, Jews, Celts etc) in three continents during seven centuries in the Hellenistic and Roman eras.

During the Middle Ages (400 - 1400) Epicurus' teachings were distorted and forgotten

The Epicurean revival (1417-1650)

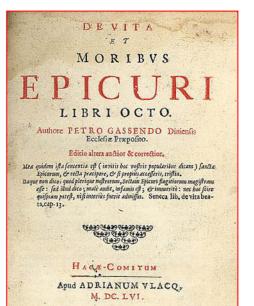
 The discovery of Lucretius' *De rerum natura* (1417) in Renaissance led to the revival of Epicurean philosophy (1650) by Galileo's friend Gassendi (astronomer, philosopher, and Christian priest)











The Epicurean origin of Modernity(1650-1800)

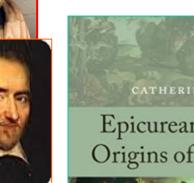
The revival of Epicurean philosophy (1650) by Gassendi

• led to Empiricism, Enlightenment, Science

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inspired people involved in the American, French and Greek revolutions

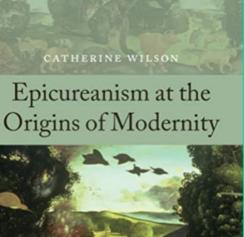


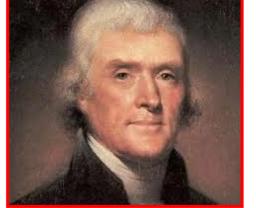
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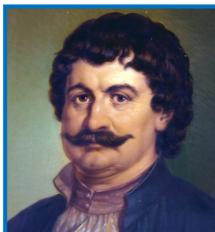
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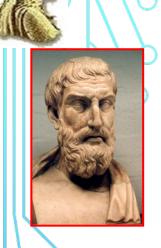


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The Epicurean origin of Modernity(1650-2000)

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Scientific Humanism

(features shared with Epicurean philosophy)

- Naturalism
- Philanthropy (human value)
- Biological ethics (Bioethics)
- Freedom of choice (of religion too)
 - Justice as Social Contract
- Aiming at Quality of Life
- Right to pursue Happiness

Epicurus' *Happiness* is equivalent to *Health* according to W.H.O.

Epicurus description of Happiness (ευδαιμονία) mental tranquility and absence of physical pain

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

World Health Organization (W.H.O)





Epicurus' philosophy aiming at Happiness is Philosophical Management of Stress



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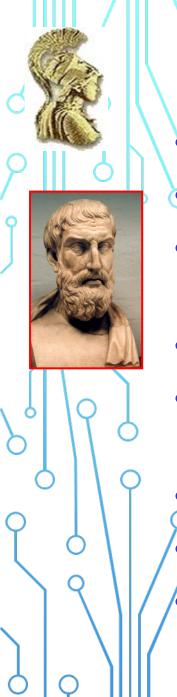
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Conclusion

- Among ancient Greek philosophies, **Epicurean philosophy**
- Is the most compatible with Science and Naturalism
- Is the most compatible with **Humanism**
- Is the most compatible with **Social Contract** and Human Rights, Animal Rights and Environmental Issues
- Is the most compatible with **Cognitive psychotherapy**
- proven its worth during Renaissance, • It has Enlightenment and early Modern Era
 - It is both **Greek** and **Universal**



- It promotes utility and **happiness** of all people
 - Therefore, in the post-COVID era the best guidance is Scientific Humanism based on Epicurus' philosophy

Thank you for your attention!



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