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Dear Christos:

It is very good to hear that the Garden of Athens will be celebrating its tenth anniversary this week. Congratulations to you and to all of those who have participated in putting together many great events over these years.

Your example continues to be an inspiration to me personally, and to the many students of Epicurus on the internet with whom we share word of your work. The video which you posted from last year's conference was excellent, and I hope that will be repeated this year. As time goes by the posting of your events on the internet will be of great service in exposing more people to Epicurean philosophy.

I want to particularly thank you for the work involved in your recent presentation in an International Medical Conference on Epicurean Philosophy, Modern Science, and Life. The translation of that work and its posting on the Internet at the Israel Institute of Technology (<https://edge-growth-maturation.net.technion.ac.il/2018/10/29/epicurean-philosophy-and-modern-science-and-life/>) will be a great resource for many in the years to come. I particularly want to congratulate you on your handling of the questions at the end of the session. It is very gratifying to see someone not only present Epicurus as a part of history, but to actively defend and promote his views for current use in the modern world.

It is that active promotion of Epicurean viewpoints which sets you and your Athens Garden apart from so many other sources of information about Epicurus. In schools and colleges Epicurus is presented as a historical figure, to be understood as simply one link in a chain that produced the "soup" of modern philosophy today.

The Garden of Athens is uniquely valuable for pointing out that this flavor of our modern soup does come not from stirring together all views equally, but from emphasizing the best that is left to us from the past.

Surely Epicurus stands at the top of the best of the ancient philosophers. His teachings are not just "golden words," as Lucretius described them, but they are the most hearty part of the soup which feeds us still today with the nourishment that we need most.

I wish to the Garden of Athens many more years of successful work, and I look forward to your sharing that work as widely as possible to those of us in the rest of the world.

Sincerely,