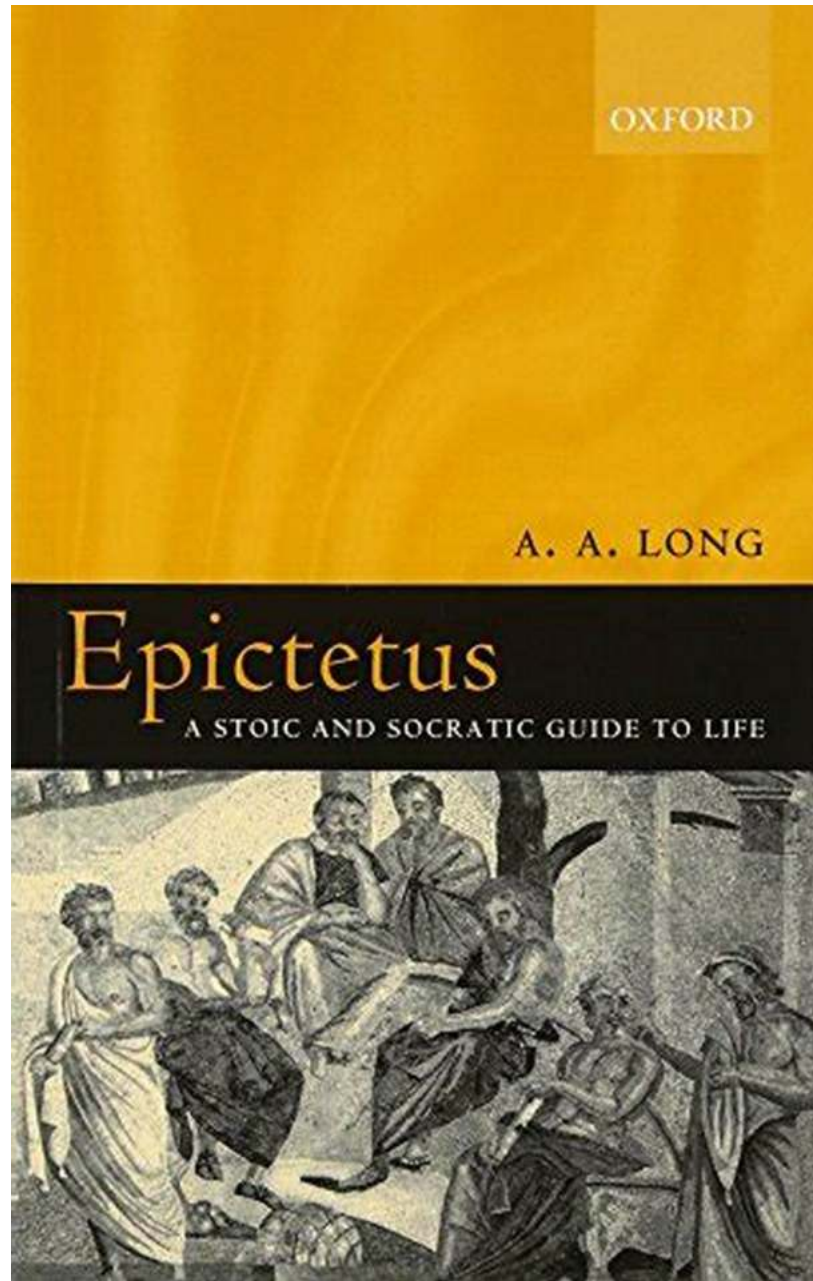


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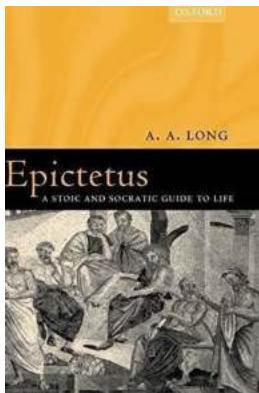


In the realm of ancient philosophy, the teachings of Epictetus stand out for their practicality and wisdom. This Greek philosopher, who lived from 55-135 AD, left behind a rich legacy that continues to inspire and guide us today. Combining elements of Stoicism and Socratic thinking, Epictetus' guide to life provides

valuable insights and tools for navigating the complexities of the human experience.

The Stoic Way: Cultivating Virtue and Resilience

Stoicism, a philosophical school founded in Athens by Zeno of Citium in the early 3rd century BC, emphasizes the importance of living in accordance with nature and embracing rationality. Epictetus, who himself had been enslaved, sought to empower individuals by teaching them how to cultivate virtue and resilience in the face of adversity.



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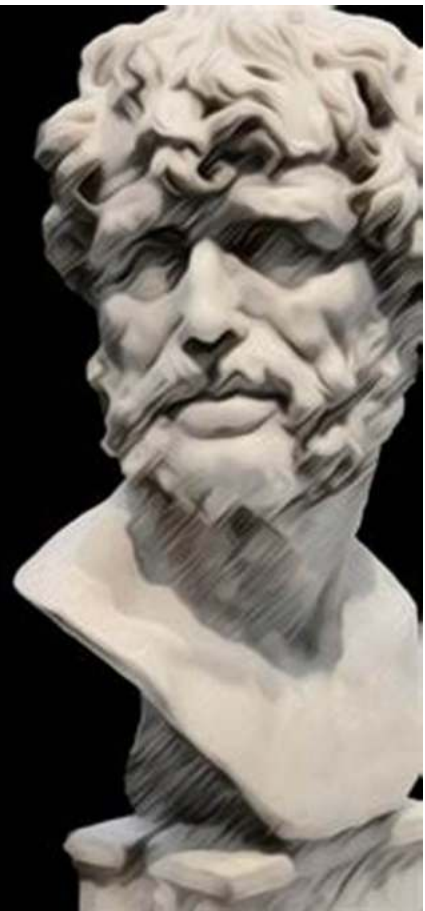
Recognise what you can and cannot control

You determine your reaction to a crisis

Ignore people dominated by their own negative emotions

Master yourself and aim to be virtuous

Learn to move on



One of Epictetus' most well-known teachings is that we have control over our own thoughts and judgments, but not over external events. By recognizing this dichotomy of control, individuals can learn to focus their efforts on what truly matters – their own character and actions. This realization liberates us from the burden of worrying about things beyond our control and directs our energy towards personal growth and virtue.

The Socratic Influence: Questioning Assumptions and Seeking Truth

In addition to embracing Stoic principles, Epictetus drew inspiration from Socratic teaching methods that encouraged critical thinking and self-reflection. Socrates, one of the greatest philosophers in ancient Greece, believed in questioning

assumptions and provoking deeper insights through dialogue. Epictetus adopted this approach in helping his students find their own path to wisdom and truth.



Epictetus believed that true knowledge arises not from blindly accepting dogmas or external authorities, but from a process of self-inquiry and continuous questioning. By challenging our beliefs and examining the underlying assumptions that govern our lives, we can uncover greater truths and align our actions with our values.

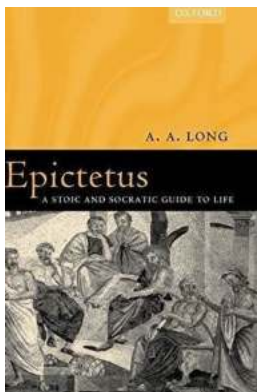
Applying Epictetus' Teachings to Everyday Life

While Epictetus' philosophy may have originated in ancient times, its relevance to modern life is undeniable. By embracing his principles, individuals can cultivate a sense of inner peace, resilience, and wisdom in the face of life's challenges. Here are a few practical ways to apply Epictetus' teachings to our everyday lives:

- **Practice Stoic Mindfulness:** Begin each day with a moment of reflection, focusing on the things within your control and accepting those outside of it.

- **Question Assumptions:** Challenge your beliefs and examine the reasons behind them. Are they serving your well-being and aligning with your values?
- **Embrace Adversity:** View setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning rather than as obstacles. Cultivate resilience and perseverance in the face of challenges.
- **Live with Virtue:** Strive to embody virtues such as integrity, compassion, and humility in your daily interactions. Focus on nurturing positive character traits.
- **Cultivate Equanimity:** Develop a calm and balanced mindset that is not easily swayed by external circumstances. Practice the art of remaining unruffled amidst life's ups and downs.

Epictetus' Stoic and Socratic guide to life offers us invaluable wisdom for navigating the complexities of our existence. By embracing principles of Stoicism and adopting Socratic practices, we can cultivate a resilient mindset, question assumptions, and live with virtue. In a rapidly changing world, the teachings of Epictetus continue to resonate, serving as a guiding light towards wisdom and inner peace.



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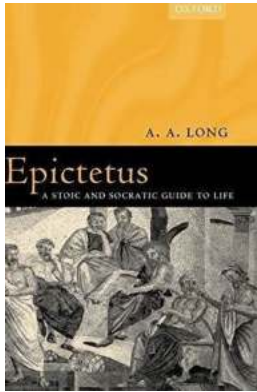
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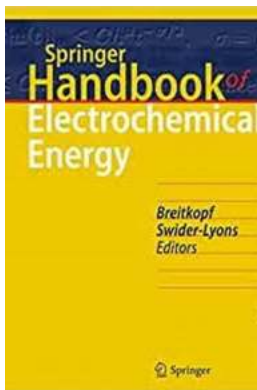
Epictetus is known as one of the great Stoic thinkers. But he took the life and conversation of Socrates as his educational model. His Socratic allegiance, scarcely examined before, is a major theme of this ground-breaking book. Long shows how Epictetus offered his students a way of life premised on the values of personal autonomy and integrity. Never a sermonizer, Epictetus engages his students in brilliantly challenging dialogue; Long offers the first accessible study of his argumentative and rhetorical methods.

This is a book for anyone interested in what we can learn from ancient philosophy about how to live our lives.



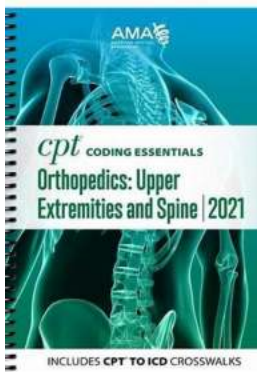
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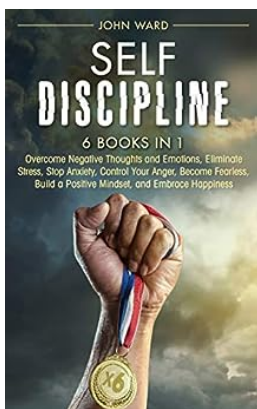
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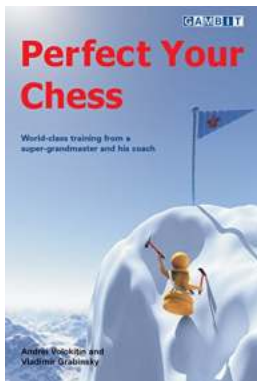
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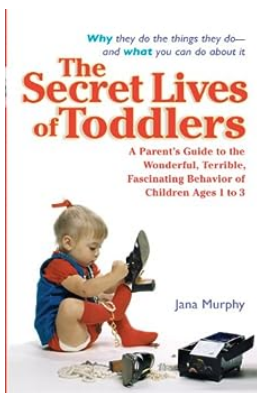
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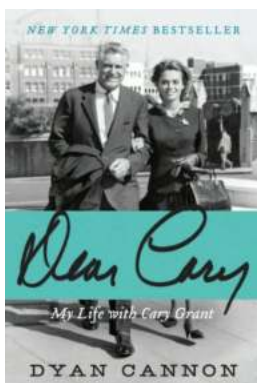
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