

## Greek Philosophy with Massimo Pigliucci

**Context on Source:** Massimo Pigliucci has a PhD in evolutionary biology and philosophy. Currently, he is the K.D. Irani Professor of Philosophy at the City College of New York. He has published over 150 technical papers in biology and philosophy and authored 16 books, including *How to Be A Stoic: Using Ancient Philosophy to Live a Modern Life* (Basic Books) as well as *Nonsense on Stilts: How to Tell Science from Bunk* (University of Chicago Press), and *the Quest for Character: What the Story of Socrates and Alcibiades Teaches Us about Our Search for Good Leaders*. You can check out his work on his website <https://massimopigliucci.org/> or the substack *Figs in Winter*.

### Questions

1. What is character? Why is it important?
2. How successful have philosophers been at teaching politicians to rule better?  
What should we learn from that?
3. What is virtue? What are the stoic virtues?
4. How do we improve character?