

## **Stoicism as the Only Possible Salvation**

There are mainly two reasons why stoic teachings get lost over time. The first reason is that the stoic teacher mainly focuses his life not so much in attempting to create a legacy but rather in acting out his philosophy. The second reason is that the stoic philosophy of life is the main and worst enemy on all the corrupting sophism permeating every society. In this respect, the unjust social leaders silently censured the promotion of stoicism.

This is the case not only of academia which sustain itself with the trading of sophisticated notions but also of the church. Let's take Christianity for example. To me it is quite straight forward that Jesus is one among a few other Stoics that we know of living exactly during his time and under the same empire.

The what we called precepts of fraternity, simplicity, peace are but concepts expressed by all other Roman stoics such as, above all Gaius Rufus. Christianity is but a branch of Stoicism. The very idea of keeping a virtuous figure like Jesus constantly in our mind and on our side is but a Stoic idea. The one problem is however the black circuit that Christianity creates by saying there is only Jesus and if you don't believe in it you will perish to hell.

Reading Seneca's letters to Lucillus, I feel rather confident to claim that yes, any human cultivating his virtue can be godlike. We do not have to act like Christians, meaning as how the Christian institutions have taught us to behave, creating a machinery by which we can wash away our sins. As Seneca would say we ought to be fanatic of virtue and close to us we ought to keep a moral teacher, whether Jesus stripped of all the imposing dogmas or Rufius or Seneca or Cato or Franklin or Ferdinand or Janina.

As men cultivating virtue can be godlike, all we need to keep in mind is the level in which he or she is virtuous. No need for flags or logos or moral policing. Stoicism is but an anti-establishment school of life which is aiming to bring the self but particularly society to live back in accordance to nature. The first and greatest enemies of the Stoic is any sort of sophistication, whether political, academic, economic and religious.

Alas, only through his or her life the Stoic can show the way back to nature. Through the cultivation of virtue he has naturally reached a state in which he could justly govern but in the very sophisticated political, religious and educational system of our contemporary societies in the hands of specialized sophists, he is only left with providing an example of his virtue, in this imitating not only Jesus but all other Stoics.