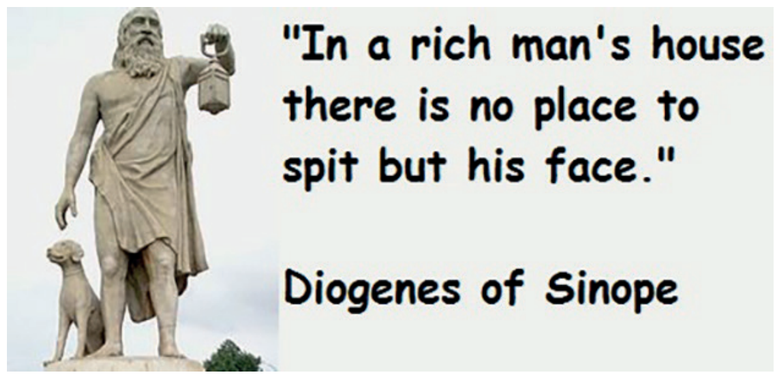
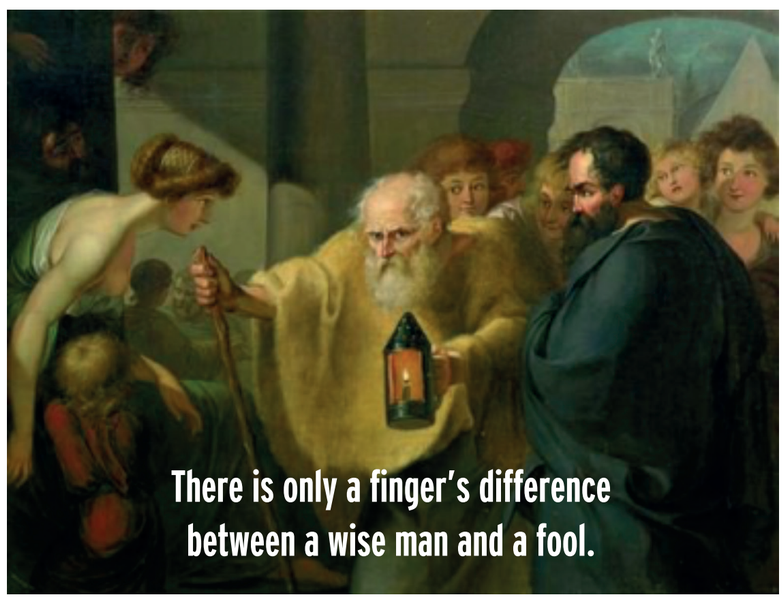
ANATOLIA "THE LAND WHERE SCIENCE WAS BORN AND FLOURISHED"

LIFE

Diogenes (c. 404-323 BCE) was a commendable Greek philosopher and one of the founders of the Cynic philosophy from Sinope. He was the only person to be the pupil of Antisthenes. Being an alleged student of Antisthenes, he maintained his teacher's asceticism and emphasis on ethics but carried out these philosophical positions with dynamism and sense of humor unique in the history of philosophy. He was among the very few men to openly mock "Alexander the Great" and live. The belief of Diogenes was that the virtue was excellently exposed in action than in theory. All his writings were destroyed by time, but the details of his life is taken from the forms of anecdotes, specifically from Diogenes Laërtius's book "Lives and Opinions of Eminent Philosophers." Diogenes is considered one of the founders of the school of Cynicism. The doctrine of Cynicism holds that the purpose of life is to live a life of Virtue in agreement with Nature (which calls for only the bare necessities required for existence). This involves rejecting all conventional desires for health, wealth, power and fame, and living a life free from all possessions and property. He dedicated his life to self-sufficiency ("autarkeia"), austerity ("askesis") and shamelessness ("anaideia"), and was famed for his biting satire and wit. His rather shocking lifestyle and habits were never gratuitous, but were used to subtly illustrate his contempt for human achievements, social values and institutions, and to point out the irrationality of accepted conventions.

As a philosopher, Diogenes was taken surprising seriously, despite his shock tactics. He apparently proved to the satisfaction of the Stoics who came after him that happiness has nothing whatever to do with a person's material circumstances, and they claimed him to be a "sophos" or wise man. An exile and an outcast, a man with no social identity, Diogenes certainly made a mark on his contemporaries, and his story continues to fascinate students of.





DIOGENES OF SINOPE

Born & Died: C. 412 - C. 323 BC
Main Interest: Clinisim, Sofism
School: Clinism
Notable Ideas: Clinism

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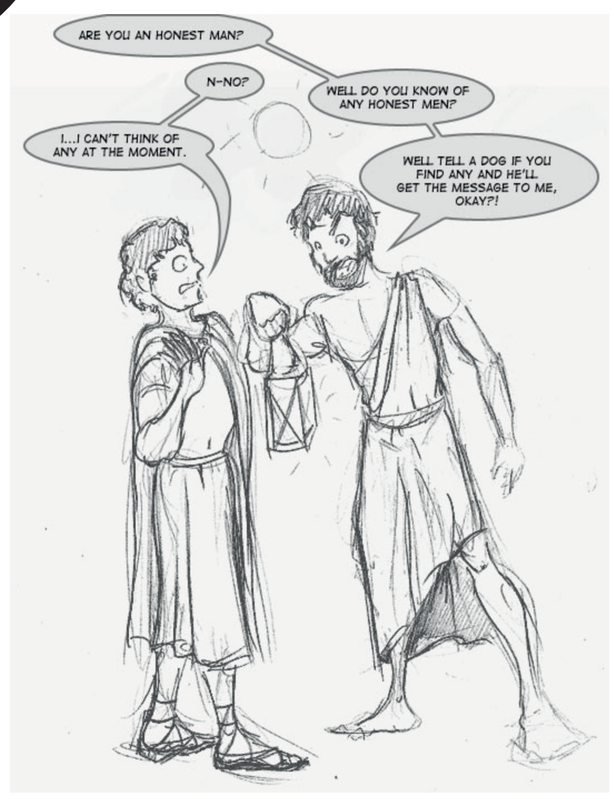
Diogenes famously requested Alexander the great to "get out of my sunlight"



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