

Thomas Cooper MD

Post by "Godfrey" of April 4, 2021 at 6:53 PM

[Admin Note: I am going to hijack Godfrey's post (which was originally [here](#)) and start a new thread from it on the topic of Thomas Cooper MD, materialist and friend of Thomas Jefferson]:

I would very much like to move Thomas Cooper into the "avowed Epicurean" category, but unfortunately I have not been able to find any references to Epicurus or Lucretius in Cooper's surviving writing which would allow me to do that. Hopefully at some point in the future someone can help me marshal the evidence that would justify the reclassification. To my knowledge at the moment here are some of the most important links on Cooper:

<http://ThomasCooperMD.com>

[Wikipedia Entry](#)

[Bio of Thomas Cooper at Dickinson College](#), where he taught from 1811-1815 before he apparently resigned under pressure due to religious controversies. It appears that Cooper's memory is now being downplayed at Dickinson due to Cooper's later positions on slavery. The material formerly online at [Encyclopedia Dicksonia](#) (this links to the Archive.org version) no longer seems to appear at the Dickinson college website.

PDF of Cooper's [The Scripture Doctrine of Materialism](#)

[Appendix on the Clergy](#)

What follows is Godfrey's post:

Cassius thanks for the link to Cooper. This is all new to me and quite surprising. Except for the link to Plato 😊