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more aggressive than even Thomas Paine on religion.

Wow! Okay, you've piqued my interest!!

Part of the reason that I say "more aggressive" is that while "Age of Reason" was one of the most influential books on me in decades past, I've come to think that Paine was more of a Stoic than an Epicurean. Of course the focus on "Reason" is a giveaway, plus Paine seems sincerely to have been a deist - I read him as firmly advocating for the clockwork model in which a supernatural creator put the universe in motion and then stepped back.

Cooper seems to have been much more an out-and-out materialist of the Epicurean variety in his physics. However its been more than a few years since I did my original Cooper reading, so I stand to be corrected. I think it's reasonable to say you can scan [this introduction](#) and see that it is more radically materialist than anything Paine produced.

Ok Godfrey you have pushed me over the ledge - I will mark these posts and move them into a new thread of their own....