

Was The Epicurean Theory of Images Meant By Epicurus To Take The Place of Conventional Views of "Memory" As A Storage Mechanism?

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

I would also add "no reason whatsoever...." especially since we know that Epicurus considered agency to be an important attribute of human action - it would fly in the face of agency to presume that receipt of an image would compel the mind to pursue that image and nothing else -- any more than we should consider hearing or seeing something to compel our thoughts to comply with what we see or hear.

It could be that the agency resides in one's ability to decide which images to focus on of all those streaming simultaneously to us.

The Cassius reply does seem to imply that Cicero got it wrong in some way, but that's not a lot to go on.