

Foundations 005 - By His Victory Religion Is Trampled Underfoot

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[quare religio pedibus subiecta vicissim](#)

[opteritur, nos exaequat victoria caelo.](#)

My take is that Epicurus's "victory" is he is the first person (per Lucretius) to show how the superstitious fear of the gods is unnecessary and life-denying. Religion keeps us in bondage. By his victory, religion is trod underfoot and ground away (opteritur). His victory frees us from the shackles of religion, giving us the ability to be level with the heavens just as Epicurus cast his thoughts to the heavens and beyond to gain a wider perspective on the way things are