

Episode One Hundred Four - More Torquatus and a Question: Was The Ancient Epicurean Movement A Cult?

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I'm only half way through the episode, but this is definitely an enjoyable one! Nicely done.

I was going to post this over in the arrogance thread, but thought this was also appropriate.

I seemed to remember in Sedley's translation and commentary of Epicurus's On Nature, Book XXVIII, Epicurus being a little self-deprecating. One example comes at the very end:

Quote

So let the words which we have prattled suffice for the present. And you others, try ten thousand times over to commit to memory what I and Metrodorus here have just said.

And now I think I have finished prattling to you this twenty-eighth instalment of our consecutive lecture series.

Epicurus actually does use the word ἀδολεσχέω which means "talk idly, prate [talk foolishly or at tedious length about something]" So I get the image of him and Metrodorus having a "bull session" in front of the students in the Garden, and then laughing and going "Okay, I think we're done for now."

That never struck me as the behavior of someone who was arrogant.