

New Sedley Chapter On Ancient Greek Atheism

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[Quote from Joshua](#)

Lucian was also Syrian, but has long been noted for his command of the Greek Language.

Agreed. Koine Greek was the lingua franca of the Ancient World for quite some time. That's one reason Marcus Aurelius, a Roman *emperor* could choose to write his diary in Greek.

[Joshua](#) 's note about Lucian is one of the reasons Luke Ranieri chose to call his ancient Greek pronunciation convention "Lucian" <https://lukeranieri.com/lucianpronunciation/>

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And I continue to think that it makes sense to situate Epicurus as particularly Ionian. Among the Pre-Socratics, Aristotle called the Ionians *physiologoi*---"those who study nature".

Agreed, he seems to be firmly in that Ionian tradition, although I wonder how Epicurus would feel about being seen as an Ionian and not Athenian. 😊