

## **Hercules the Epicurean (?)**

**Post by "Cassius" of August 15, 2022 at 6:24 PM**

This old thread comes to mind because of our discussion in the second Episode of Lucretius Today devoted to the letter to Menoecus. We were discussing the use of images as constituting subjects for focusing our attention on the type of life to which we should aspire.

Without reading all this I can't recall the details of Hercules' choice and how he eventually fared with Pleasure. But I can imagine that at least part of the story of Hercules might be useful in discussing how manufactured images of "gods" would have a beneficial effect from the Epicurean point of view.