

2022 Epicurus vs Buddhism Compare and Contrast Thread

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Incidentally since we are comparing vs. Buddhism I'm just wondering has anyone looked at other non-dualistic teachings like Advaita? It would be very interesting to compare I think, especially since Epicureanism stresses reliance on the senses, but radical Advaita dismisses the entire concept of an external reality altogether 😊.

All forms of Vedanta are at odds with Epicurean philosophy and inhabit opposite sides of the philosophical spectrum. Every historical iteration of Vedanta rejects other schools of ancient Indian philosophy that make similar claims to Epicureanism, such as *Vaisheshika*, which proposes a form of atomism, and the heterodox tradition of *Charvaka*, which proposes an atheistic form of hedonism. *Incidentally*, there **are** a number of similarities between Vedanta (especially Advaita Vedanta) and Platonism. Indeed, it is widely supposed that the neo-Platonists (such as Plotinus and his student Porphyry) had direct, historical influences from Indian philosophers that informed their Neo-Platonic positions.