

Short Video on Nietzsche vs Plato On "True World Theory" Which May or May Not Reflect Epicurus' Views

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I don't know who the other philosophers referenced in the article are. Their quotes sound correct to me, but it's hard to say. However I think the ones from Nietzsche are worth adding in here to the thread both for the content and for the sense of intensity that I see as similar to Lucretius:

"...the concept "the true world" insinuates that this world is untruthful, deceptive, dishonest, inauthentic, inessential—and consequently also not a world adapted to our needs.

Nietzsche, The Will to Power

"General insight: it is the instinct of life-weariness...which has created the "other world"...to imagine another, more valuable world is an expression of hatred for the world that makes one suffer...Does man not eternally create a fictitious world for himself because he wants a better world than reality?"

Nietzsche, The Will to Power

"The development of pessimism into nihilism.... - The repudiated world versus an artificially built 'true, valuable' one. Finally: one discovers how the true world is fabricated solely from psychological needs: and now all one has left is the 'repudiated world', and one adds this supreme disappointment to the reasons why it deserves to be repudiated. At this point nihilism is reached:...one grants the reality of becoming as the only reality... — but cannot endure this world..."

Nietzsche, The Will to Power

"I beseech you, my brothers, remain faithful to the earth, and do not believe those who speak to you of otherworldly hopes! Poison-mixers are they, whether they know it or not. Despisers of life are they, decaying and poisoned themselves, of whom the earth is weary: so let them go."

Nietzsche, Thus Spoke Zarathustra