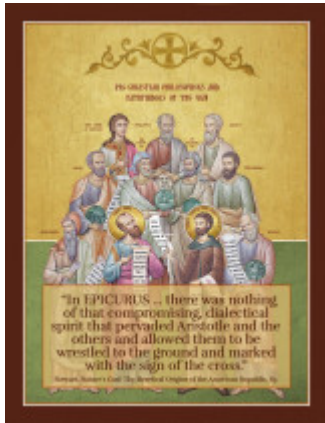


# How has the word epicurean come to mean excess?

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could anyone briefly summarise why Christianity was a problem for Epicurus



Early Christians could not reconcile the two traditions, and Roman Epicureanism was an ideological competitor to Christian evangelism. **"Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this pretentious babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)"** (Acts 17:18 *NRSVUE*). Whereas elements of Stoicism were incorporated into Christian theology (*Providence, a Universal God, etc.*), Epicureanism is antithetical to Christianity.