

# Epicureanism as the spiritual essence or 'religion' of an entire community

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

it remains fascinating, even later in life, to explore the parallels [between Christianity and Epicureanism]

Oh, I would include myself as someone who finds that topic interesting. I've just never seen any parallels (with maybe one exception - see below) that convince me of anything other than convergent evolution. I could maybe see Catholic confession as a perversion of frank criticism, but even that may only be superficial without my knowledge of the wider ancient cultural context.

I've seen a lot of proof texting and applying an almost Rorschach Testing to these topics. It seems people, scholars included, see what they want to see.