

Epicurean Philosophy Vs. Humanism

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“Humanism” is such a broad concept, with many – often conflicting (e.g. theistic and nontheistic) – strands, that I find it pretty meaningless as a catch-all philosophical term in itself. Better, perhaps, to speak of “humanisms” of different sorts.

With that said, if one considers the following definitions (from <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/humanism>) as valid, then I would think of Epicurean philosophy as **a** humanism (not necessarily – or perhaps even often – compatible with others):

2: **devotion to human welfare** : [HUMANITARIANISM](#)

"renowned for his humanism"

3: a doctrine, attitude, or **way of life centered on human interests** or values