

# Episode 197 -LucretiusToday Interviews Dr. Marcelo Boeri

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Quote

But I suspect he would have disagreed with Pericles.

Interestingly, there is an epigraph in the Greek Anthology attributed to Menander;

"Hail, you twin born sons of Neocles, the one of whom saved his country from slavery, the other from folly."

The first was Themistocles and the second was Epicurus. Both were Athenian citizens, both had fathers named Neocles, both chose the Ceramicus--part cemetery, part potter's quarter--as their public haunt, and both appealed to the lower classes who had been left behind by the aristocracy (in the case of Themistocles) and their state-sponsored male-only Gymnasia (in the case of Epicurus).

Menander was born within a year of Epicurus, and pre-deceased him by twenty years, but it is anyone's guess as to whether the epigraph is genuine.