

Eclectic Take on Epicurean Philosophy; Earlier Origin of Some Epicurean Concepts; Method of Loci

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This brought to my mind the following question:

How much did Epicurus "borrow" from the existing cultural and philosophical environment and "adapt" into his philosophy?

We know Epicurus didn't blink into existence and seal himself inside a hermetically tight Garden. What ideas did he pick up from simply growing up and developing his ideas in Samos, Ionia, Asia Minor, and Athens? How did he take existing ideas and use and adapt them? There have to be some.

I am sure these 2 are obvious to everyone here but I will throw them out there to start the conversation

[Aristippus](#)

and

[Democritus](#)

Aristippus and the Cyrenaics have a book devoted to them called "The birth of Hedonism". There is a famous story of Socrates trying to tell Aristippus to go easy with partying and women but he didn't listen. (Story could be legend)

Democritus is the father of Atomism.