

Apion An Epicurean(?)

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I found this article from Cambridge ([David Patterson](#)) that says that Democritus also mentioned the Jewish practice of ritualistic cannibalism.

I want to dig deeper into this, because I was under the impression that Greek and Hebrew cultures did not interact until just after Epicurus' time.

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I have not seen this before in Democritus, but if it was true it makes the connection to Epicureanism even stronger.

I think that the author may have mixed up two, different Democrituses from the Thrace region. The Jewish Encyclopedia notes that the Democritus mentioned in a work by the Greek lexicographer Suidas was not Democritus of Abdera, the philosopher and atomist, but a different, unknown Democritus from Thrace (<https://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/3408-...accusation#3489>).