

# Welcome Al-Haakim!

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Al Hakiim please comment when you can while reading and that will help us expand our Jefferson subsection. There's a great deal of explicitly philosophical material in those letters that deserve discussion.

In addition to the letters with Adams there is a lot of interesting commentary in the "Head and Heart" letter as well, in which I think he gives the "heart" - rather than rationalism - the better part of the argument.

I also found Jefferson's connection to "Thomas Cooper MD" very useful, given Cooper's explicit materialism. See [thomascoopermd.com](http://thomascoopermd.com) And there are all sorts of other figures of that period from Thomas Paine to Elihu Palmer and details of "deism" that have at least significant Epicurean overtones. Not to mention the explicitly Epicurean "A Few Days In Athens," which Jefferson endorsed, and of which I am sure there is much more to the story than a one-off writing project by Frances Wright.

There's a lot more connection to Epicurus in that period than we've been led to believe.