

Epicurean Philosophy vs Charvaka / Lokayata

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There is not, to my knowledge, any significant historical link between the two at any point in time.

I need to correct myself here, because Democritus (according to Diogenes) may have travelled to India and learned from the "*Gymnosophists*". We aren't precisely sure *which* of the "*Gymnosophists*" he meant (I'm not sure that the Greeks realized there were a dozen, different, mutually-exclusive Indian philosophies). Pyrrho ran into them as well, but (I maintain) he met Ājīvika philosophers (ancient Indian skeptics). Nonetheless, Democritus' "*Gymnosophists*" could just as easily have been Vaisheshika atomists, or even Jains (whose theology he may have adopted).