

Use Of The Term "Metaphysics" In Discussing Epicurus

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[Quote from Eikadistes](#)

Barnes & Noble uses the word to advertise something closer to "magic" or "alchemy".

Thanks for that reminder. Now that you say it, I think over the years that's where I sense a strongly negative vibe from the word. It seems to be usable in philosophy in a more neutral way, but I'm concerned about how "normal people" interpret it. In many cases it probably doesn't evoke any reaction at all and it's mainly just an unfamiliar word, but the intelligent "middle class" that might have heard of it from bookstores might well attach it to "alchemy" or even "witchcraft."

This might be an American take and not have the same effect in Europe.

[Joshua](#) this is something for us to keep in mind for the podcast.