

Superstition Ain't the Way

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Great work! I especially like your approach of rendering names as they were spoken in antiquity e.g. Epicurus as Epíkouros. This adds authority to your text.

Some criticism:

[Quote from Eikadistes](#)

When it comes to our own futures, Epicurean history provides brave examples like Mētródōros, "undaunted against both disturbances and death",²⁹² "virtuous and awesome".²⁹³ To achieve the goal of nature, the Sage of the Garden asks us to "study these and those things, for yourself, day and night, as with those like yourself, and at no time, neither awake nor in a dream will you be confounded, for no living person surrounded by immortal Good seems like a mortal creature."²⁹⁴ As has been spoken more eloquently elsewhere, "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Here again, "when you believe in things that you don't understand, then you suffer."

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I appreciate how your text ends. Conversely, in the paragraphs above you dive too much into politics and fear of the failure of certain policies. This seems to me contrary to your conclusion.

Additionally, the political topics you are talking about seem to be of semantic value and interest for a "Western only" and especially US-American audience (okay, one could also speak of Epicurean philosophy as predominantly for Westerners and this is true if we look at the chain of transmission).

In the letter to Meneceus Epicurus is warning not only of believing in the myths about the gods but even more about belief that arguably is supported by natural necessity. What Epicurus meant exactly with that section may be open to discussion. Personally, I read it as a warning of Doomsday pessimism in general (as Doomsday never materializes).

His message is otherwise: Life is good and [pleasure is the guide of life!](#)