

Epicurean substitute for prayer

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You have to look at that whole phrase:

Quote

...throw your other sensations into confusion with your groundless belief...

It's not the senses themselves that are confused but ourselves being confused about what our sensations are telling us due to our groundless beliefs.

The "criterion" is simply pointing back to the Canon if you look at the original text. Criterion is basically a transliteration of the Greek here. That's why she uses it. A better translation to get at the connection would be "the standard of truth." (I also just realized that Epicurus's work on the Canon is literally Περὶ κριτηρίου ἢ Κανῶν Peri **kritēriou** ē Kanōn. So, Epicurus himself refers to the Canon as the criterion.)