

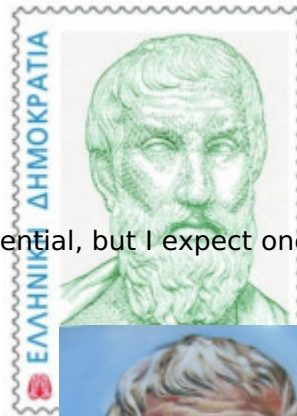
# Commissioning Original Epicurean Artwork

Post by "Cassius" of July 6, 2020 at 8:57 AM

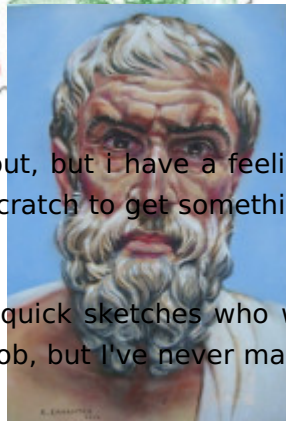
It's been a constant frustration to me over the years that I don't personally have even the most basic artistic talent to produce sketches of any of the major art subjects. I think that that's in part why I have always gravitated toward these sketches made early on from the Herculaneum discoveries -- I particularly like this "look" in the face/eyes of Epicurus, and the format lends itself to easier reproduction - but it's still not a "line sketch" we would be more easily translatable digitally.



I download every version of Epicurus I ever come across, but not many seem to have a lot of "sketch" potential. Perhaps the "stamp" version might convert well, and it's a pretty good likeness.



This color version might also have some potential, but I expect one of the first two would do best.



However I would love to get a good sketch version of the full statue that Elli is talking about, but I have a feeling that it would almost require reworking it from scratch to get something that really works as "art."

I know there must be artists who are good at quick sketches who we might even be able to "commission" to do the job, but I've never made any progress.

I am going to check here: <https://www.fiverr.com/categories/graphics-and-comics>

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Post by "Cassius" of July 6, 2020 at 9:21 AM

Ok there are a huge variety of options at that link, and no doubt it just takes research (time) to go through the list and find artists who seem to be targeting the type of "look" that would be desirable to have. I am going to split this into a new thread.

Also I would think an important part of any such commissioning project would be to be sure that "we" (or whoever commissions) gets the legal right to duplicate / distribute.

Certainly it would be desirable to get core artwork that can be released under some kind of GPL license that is free to everyone to use. However I would not want to foreclose or discourage the idea of an individual undertaking a project method to recover costs, or even (gasp) make a profit of some kind. If that's what it takes to bring good results into fruition, then whatever method works best.

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### **Post by "Cassius" of July 6, 2020 at 9:34 AM**

I envision one of many desirable options would be to commission something in a format roughly like this, which has fewer but bolder lines:



That seems to me to be much easier to duplicate in small size or different formats than trying to digitally convert the 3D picture of the seated figure. I think the seated figure could also be done in this format if the artist stylizes the design and finds a way to emphasize the face/head features.

That example comes from here:

[https://www.fiverr.com/komangj/create...ler\\_online=true](https://www.fiverr.com/komangj/create...ler_online=true)

But to truly pursue this intelligently I am thinking that it is desirable to take the time to read through many profiles of many artists and hopefully find someone whose thinking and disposition might be at least somewhat consistent with Epicurus (for example I doubt it would make sense to commission someone whose specialty is islamic art, or fundamentalist christian). And of course in checking the existing samples we can more easily find someone who has done something in the past like we are thinking about.

I will get started looking through the options but surely if anyone else has thoughts or time to invest looking for options, please post.

Others that strike me as talented:

[https://www.fiverr.com/monocrom\\_id/dr...ler\\_online=true](https://www.fiverr.com/monocrom_id/dr...ler_online=true)

[https://www.fiverr.com/saifullahali99...ckg\\_id=1&pos=10](https://www.fiverr.com/saifullahali99...ckg_id=1&pos=10)

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### **Post by “Godfrey” of July 6, 2020 at 3:13 PM**

Never heard of this site before! Here's somebody who does 3D modeling:

<https://www.fiverr.com/matiikiv/sculp...r-moment-attack>

Of course 3D is going to cost more than an avatar....

Things to think about regarding the graphic design: line drawing or tone? Classical or cartoon style? Collect different styles for different uses?

It might be easier to "cartoonify" a Classical drawing than to "classicize" a cartoon drawing.

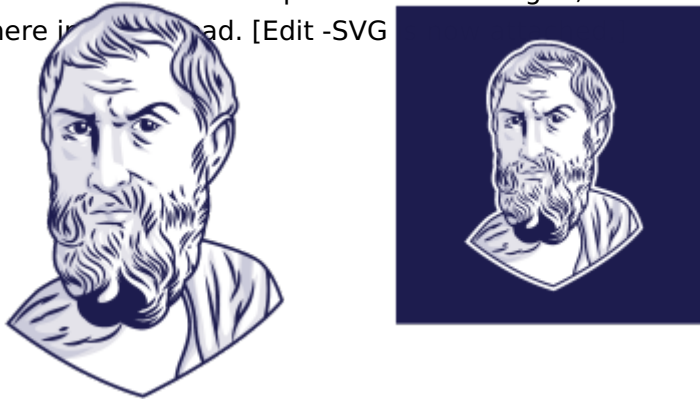
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### **Post by “Cassius” of July 11, 2020 at 5:42 AM**

OK - Here is the first finished product I ordered off of Fiverr. i would not call it a great work of art but I would say it is pretty good and well worth the cost of 7 dollars to have access to it! To me this does seem to have the intelligent yet still friendly look in the eyes that I think is a prerequisite.

It's my understanding that the artist claims no ongoing rights in it so we are free to use it as we see fit. To the extent that it is necessary to say anything about the rights to it (I doubt it's necessary) I disclaim any rights to it and release it under the "GPL" like linux software.

I would think this drawing ought to be helpful in several projects. I am attaching it in the original PNG format it was sent to me, but it ought to be convertible to vector or other formats - I am just not sure how at the moment. If anyone knows how to convert to a vector that would then not lose its sharpness when enlarged, it would be great if you could convert and repost here in a vector format. [Edit -SVG



SVG: [extractedepicurusnewa.svg.zip](#)

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### **Post by “Godfrey” of July 11, 2020 at 5:53 PM**

Not sure when you added the edit Cassius, but SVG is a vector. I opened it in LibreOffice Draw and it looks quite crisp. If you need to convert it to AI for Illustrator, there are free online converters; I don't use Illustrator so I don't know if it will import SVG files. Frankly I've never heard of an SVG file before so I don't know if you can work directly with that file or not.

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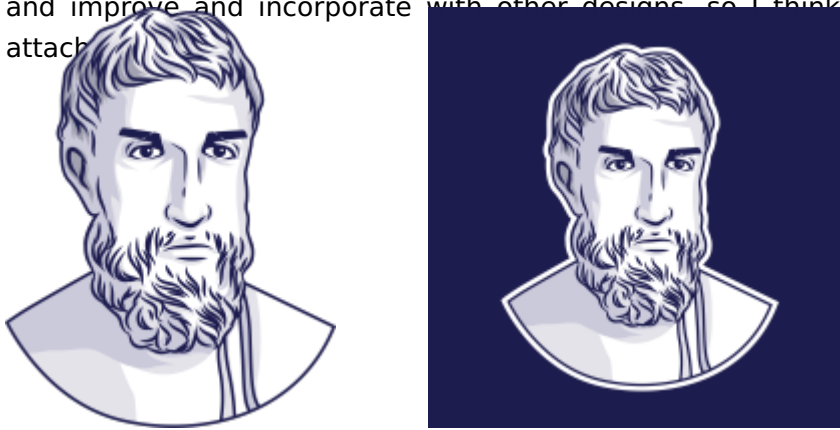
### **Post by “Cassius” of July 13, 2020 at 9:35 AM**

Godfrey -- I use Libreoffice Draw too. My understanding is that SVG is a vector file, so it should be enlargeable indefinitely with no loss of resolution, which ought to mean that an SVG format is as usable for a wall hanging as it would be for a ring. (or so I think)

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**Post by “Cassius” of July 13, 2020 at 9:43 AM**

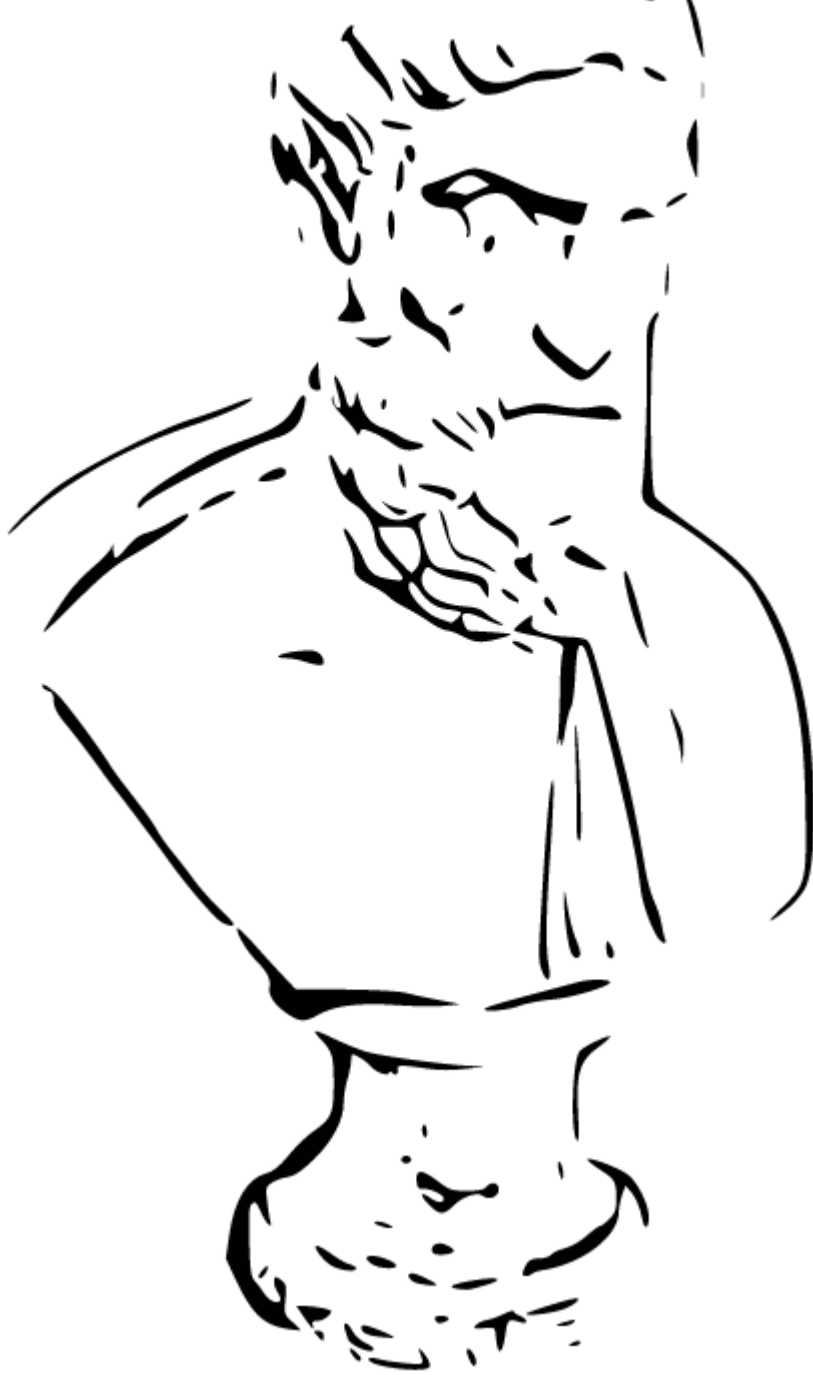
Here is a second version - This one I am not so pleased with the eyebrows, but I think the overall look is still ok, and my goal here was to get some raw material for others to work with and improve and incorporate with other designs, so I think this is helpful for that. SVG file attached



SVG File: [21369232\\_851848841647784\\_396203029474a1716147\\_n.zip](#)

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**Post by “Joshua” of March 28, 2021 at 12:01 AM**



My monogramed leather keychain fob broke off a few weeks ago, and I'm looking for an alternative. Thinking about having a laser engraving done in either metal or wood, with maybe a quote on the back. This is something I've just put together as an idea. I also a vector version of the same image--I see from Cassius' post above that I'll have to compress that to a .zip to upload it, which I will certainly do if anyone is interested!

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**Post by “Joshua” of March 28, 2021 at 1:04 AM**





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**Post by “Joshua” of March 28, 2021 at 1:08 AM**

I quite like that second one, I think I might try to edit the vector file to clean it up a little while keeping the strong bold lines.

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**Post by “Joshua” of March 28, 2021 at 1:37 AM**





Cassius' Preferred Bust

Top: Sketchified

Bottom: Sketchified and Vectorized

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**Post by “Cassius” of March 28, 2021 at 5:04 AM**

Those are very nice thank you for posting these! Are you saying you did these by hand, or with the use of software?

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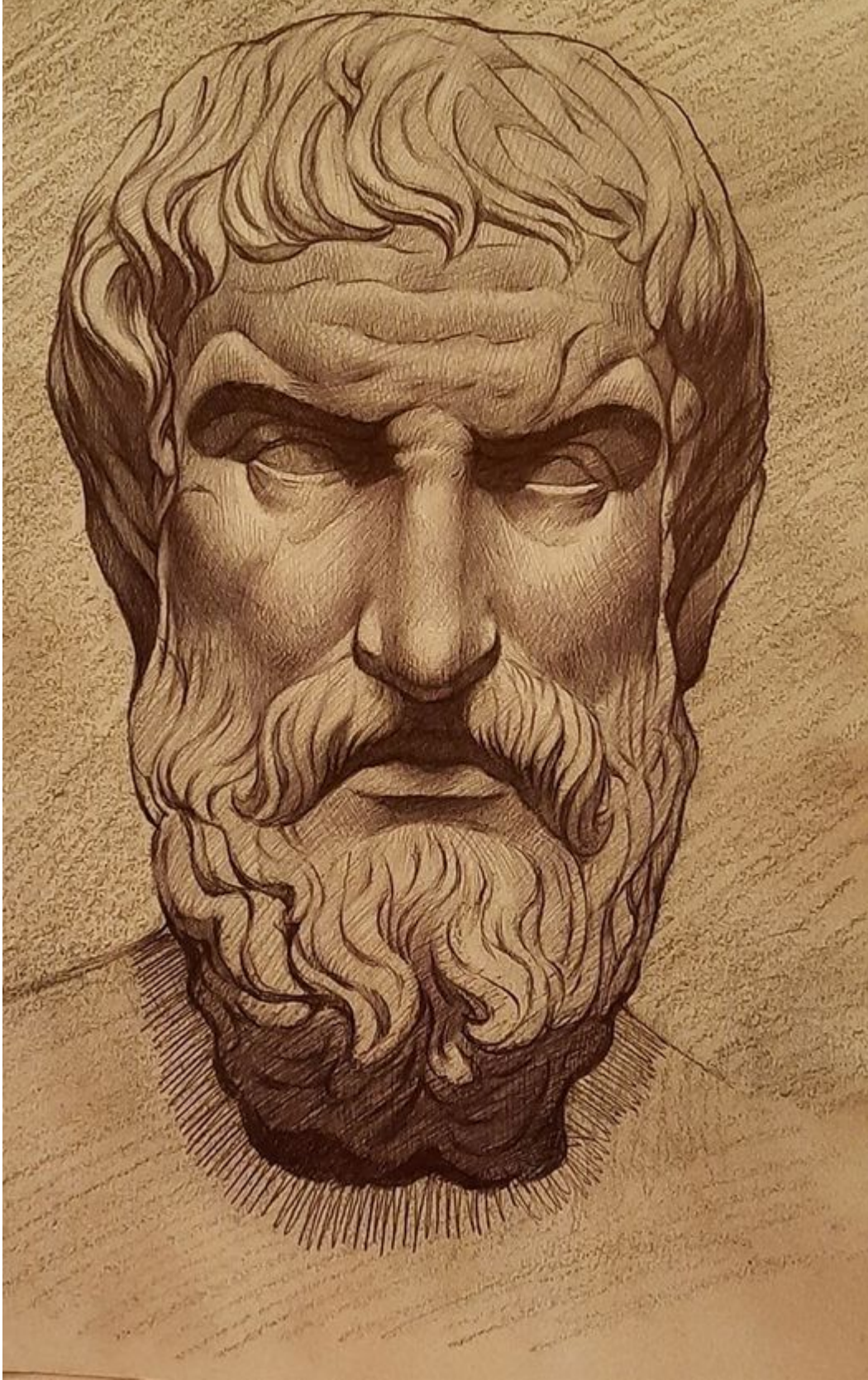
**Post by “Joshua” of March 28, 2021 at 7:23 AM**

Oh, goodness, definitely software! 😊 it's a pretty quick process.

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**Post by “Cassius” of April 8, 2021 at 8:41 AM**

Joshua I wonder if this sketch of Epicurus lends itself to easier conversion into something usable for our projects:



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**Post by “Joshua” of April 8, 2021 at 9:58 AM**

I can definitely try. Do we know the artist?

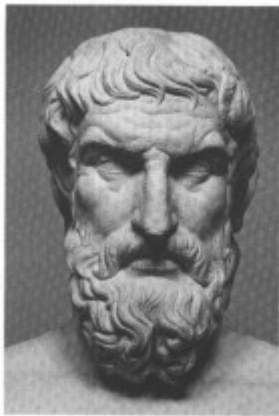
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**Post by “Cassius” of April 8, 2021 at 10:01 AM**

It looks like we don't. I saw Issa Rasshid from Iraq post this on facebook. and I asked him, but his reply was only that he saw it on the internet. I am not good with Google image search but I will try that to see what comes up

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**Post by “Joshua” of April 8, 2021 at 10:27 AM**



This is what came up for me as the reference image.

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**Post by “Cassius” of April 8, 2021 at 10:43 AM**

Ah yes. I am not sure if that is an old one, or a modern version... I suppose it would be the rigorous thing to do to set up a thread and categorize all known images of Epicurus. I doubt the

number would be unmanageable

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### **Post by “Charles” of April 9, 2021 at 12:17 PM**

A quick reverse image search reveals the sketch from an Arabic art page on Facebook dating from the 23rd of March this year, from here I can't find any other leads. It shows the picture with the caption:

"I never care about commoners, because what I know do not agree with me, and what they agree on I do not know." - Abiqur

Searching across Bing and Yandex also revealed nothing of interest or where to look further.

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### **Post by “Joshua” of April 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM**

Fascinating! Abiqur is, apparently, the Arabization of 'Epicurus'.

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### **Post by “Don” of April 9, 2021 at 2:04 PM**

[Quote from JJElbert](#)

Fascinating! Abiqur is, apparently, the Arabization of 'Epicurus'.

Looks like you are correct:

<https://archive.org/details/Arabic...ge/n15/mode/2up>

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### **Post by “Cassius” of April 9, 2021 at 2:06 PM**

Fun how one discovery leads to another (photo to Arabic name for Epicurus). Here's the important part of Don's link:

أبيقور *abīqūr*<sup>2</sup> Epicurus

أبيقورى *abīqūrī* Epicurean

أبيقورية *abīqūrīya* Epicureanism