

# A Sample Master Outline of Epicurean Philosophy

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## Fundamentals Of Epicurean Philosophy

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- **Nature: What Kind of Universe Do We Live In?** Was the universe created by a god or by forces that are supernatural or random? Epicurus taught:
- **Knowledge: How Do We Decide Anything?** How do we know the difference between true and false? What is truth? Can we know anything at all? Epicurus taught:
- **Ethics: How Should We Live?** What is the goal of living? How should we pursue that goal? Epicurus taught:
- **Restatement of the Epicurean Worldview** In narrative form:

### ★ ———References———

- **Epicurus' *Elementary Principles of Nature*** A list of teachings on Nature on which Epicurean philosophy was built.
- **Epicurus' *Principal Doctrines*** A list of teachings about the goal of life and how to achieve it.
- **Epicurus' *Sayings From The "Vatican List"*** A list of sayings compiled by an unknown author and discovered in the Vatican Library.
- **Epicurus' *Sayings About The Wise Man*** A list of sayings contained in the biography of Epicurus by Diogenes Laertius.
- **Epicurus' *Letter to Herodotus*** A letter by Epicurus on basic principles of Nature
- **Epicurus' *Letter to Pythocles*** A letter by Epicurus on how man relates to the Cosmos
- **Epicurus' *Letter to Menoeceus*** A letter by Epicurus' on how men should live.
- **Lucretius' *On The Nature of Things*** A summary of Epicurean philosophy in verse.
- **Diogenes Laertius' *Biography of Epicurus*** The biography which is our primary source of information about Epicurus.
- **Cicero's *On Ends*** A narrative on key aspects of Epicurean philosophy.
- **Cicero's *On the Nature of the Gods*** A narrative on key aspects of Epicurean concepts of divinity.
- **Diogenes of Oinoanda's *Inscription*** A presentation of Epicurean philosophy inscribed on a stone wall in Asia Minor (excerpts).
- **Philodemus' *On Methods of Inference*** A presentation of Epicurean theories of knowledge.
- **Key Epicurean Passages From Other Sources** Key Epicurean passages from other ancient sources helpful in understanding Epicurus' views.

