

Epicurus, Ionia and India.

Post by “Rivelle” of April 6, 2019 at 1:02 AM

Kojin Karatani's “ Isonomia and the Origins of Philosophy” is a study of the Ionian world with particular attention being paid to its political aspects.

Download available here:

<http://booksdescr.org/item/index.php...9753B70BEC15359>

Reviews can be found here:

https://www.radicalphilosophy.com/reviews/indivi...Ck4r_0j1CVytSQM

<https://www.anotherpanacea.com/2017/10/exit-o...uality-problem/>

Can anybody recommend books that describe Epicurus's revival of Ionian natural philosophy? Or just a good study or history of the Ionian world and thought.

I already know Elizabeth Asmis – “Epicurus' Scientific Method”.

What about books on the Indian influence on the Hellenistic world?

This short, tantalizing blog entry is a comparative essay.

<https://epicurus.today/epicurus-and-carvaca/>

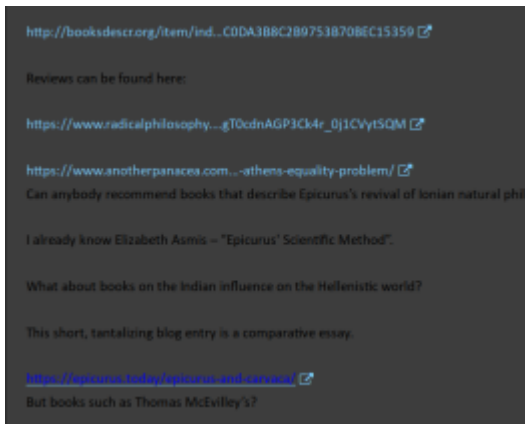
But books such as Thomas McEvilley's?

Post by “Cassius” of April 6, 2019 at 6:32 AM

Rivelle:

(1) Good questions - I have not heard of those books.

(2) I noticed like before in a couple of your posts seem to be in a very dark font that is kind of hard to read on the default dark theme here. Are you changing the text color to black or some other color? Not sure why that is happening. I can probably edit it to make it more readable but you must be using a light theme and probably don't realize it's hard to read on dark.



Post by “Cassius” of April 6, 2019 at 11:05 AM

Thanks Oscar. I have noticed that sometimes but not always, but now that you mention it in the absence of a "paste as text" option, I have been copying text into a text editor and then pasting from there.

Post by “Godfrey” of April 6, 2019 at 7:36 PM

This is all new to me and extremely interesting. Epicurus' Scientific Method seems hard to find, but there's an earlier paper by Asmis which looks like her student work which led to the book and can be downloaded at

<https://orb.binghamton.edu/sagp/157/>

The beginning of her paper discusses Epicurus' Canon and seems to me to be a useful presentation of the subject. I've had particular difficulty grasping the Anticipations, largely I think because I haven't properly connected the Sensations, Feelings and Anticipations. She describes very clearly how the three are interdependent and used to measure each other in the process of inquiry. I find this quite illuminating, at least if I'm understanding it correctly 🤔

Post by “Rivelle” of April 7, 2019 at 5:17 AM

For longish posts, my habit for some time has been to write in Microsoft Word and then copy and paste.

A lot of discussion boards - including Facebook - don't have the edit features which this one does. Also, the posts always end up appearing white on black on my screen. So thank you for heads up.

But as Oscar said above, I will change the text colour from now on.

Post by “Rivelle” of April 7, 2019 at 5:27 AM

Thomas McEvilly made a video-lecture discussing his book:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HAiTfOSP_w

These are links to the Amazon and Goodreads pages for Thomas McEvilly - "**The Shape of Ancient Thought: Comparative Studies in Greek and Indian Philosophies**"

There are reviews which give brief summaries of the book.

<https://www.amazon.com/Shape-Ancient-...s/dp/1581152035>

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9256...Ancient_Thought