

# The Tetrpharmakon - Sound Epicurean Doctrine, or Oversimplification?

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The tetrpharmakos uses singular ο θεός (the) god but I wouldn't read monotheism into this. That's a regular construction in ancient Greek. The singular can be used to refer to gods/deity in a general sense. There is definitely no "implicit approval of monotheism" implied here

Yes, getting a look at Sbordone would be nice but I would rather see Angeli: <http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/800107647>

Sbordone tries to say the title of PHerc 1005 is Pros Tous Sophistas "Against the Sophists" but he is blue-skying that last word. The final word of the title on the papyrus is missing, torn off. All that's there is Pros Tous... ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ... "Against/To The..." To imply otherwise is disingenuous. Angeli leaves the title alone if I remember correctly. That's why I'm a little mistrustful of Sbordone.