

Peter Abelard and Reconciling Epicurean Philosophy with Christianity through Dialogue

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[Don](#) would you consider Ehrman some sort of Epicurean? Maybe of the Gassendi variety? He seems to have adopted Epicurus' physics to some extent, but I'm curious what his ethical ideas are like.... He does sound quite interesting.

I think he's "Epicurious" in that he's accepted a material worldview and doesn't believe in an eternal, supernatural life after death. He started out Christian fundamentalist and now considers himself agnostic I believe. This is the first time I've seen him explicitly use Epicurus and Lucretius by name although I was explicitly doing a Google search for that this time.

His professional work has been on the history of Christianity and specifically on the textual history of the Bible. All his books are both scholarly and highly readable.