

Greetings

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I wouldn't consider myself a disciple of the Epicurean philosophy, but I'm interested in it as an object of study.

I believe that the Epicurean conception of the universe is essentially that of modern science--essentially in that whatever differences there are between the two systems, they are unimportant for considering human conduct and human good. By modern science, I mean physics certainly, but especially I mean Darwinian biology and the now prevailing view that there are no supernatural forces intervening in human life, and that man is an animal among the rest, his capacities and behavior determined by genes and evolutionary imperatives.

I'm persuaded that Epicureanism is the only intelligent ethics available to someone who accepts this view. Epicureanism is synonymous with the ethics of unbelief, of skepticism, then.

I'm also intrigued by the otherworldly character of Epicureanism. From what I've seen this is not sufficiently recognized by admirers of Epicurus, except for Michael Oakeshott.