

Early Epicurean Community - Listing of Known Epicureans Throughout History

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EPICUREAN PHILOSOPHERS

*[T]here are plenty of witnesses of the unsurpassable kindness of [Epicurus] to everybody; both his own country which honored him with brazen statues, and his friends who were so numerous that they could not be contained in whole cities; and all his acquaintances who were bound to him by nothing but the charms of his doctrine [...] Also, **the perpetual succession of his school, which, when every other school decayed, continued without any falling off, and produced a countless number of philosophers, succeeding one another without any interruption.** (Diogenes Laërtius, *The Lives and Opinions of Eminent Philosophers*, Book X)*

387 BCE: *Plato founds his **Academy**.*

384 BCE: *Aristotle is born in the Central Macedonian city of Stagira.*

348 BCE: *Plato dies at the age of 80 due to natural causes.*

341 BCE: **Epicurus** is born on the Island of Samos.

338 BCE: *Aristotle begins three years of teaching 13-year-old Alexander III of Macedon.*

334 BCE: *Aristotle founds his **Lyceum** at the age of 50.*

327 BCE: A 14-year-old **Epicurus** is tutored by a Platonic philosopher named Pamphilus

326 BCE: *Alexander III of Macedon invades India; 34-year old Pyrrho follows. As a result ...*

325 BCE: *Pyrrho adopts the 200-year-old agnostic Indian school of **Ajñāna** and develops **Skepticism***

323 BCE: An 18-year-old **Epicurus** serves two years of required Athenian conscription

322 BCE: **Aristotle dies at the age of 62 due to natural causes.**

321 BCE: A 20-year-old **Epicurus** moves with family to Colophon and studies under the Peripatetic Praxiphanes; he later studies under Nausiphanes of Teos, a Democritean pupil of Pyrrho

316 BCE: A 25-year-old **Epicurus** observes **Halley's Comet** with Nausiphanes

311 BCE: A 30-year-old **Epicurus** begins teaching in Mytilene on the island of Lesbos

310 BCE: A 31-year-old **Epicurus** relocates Northward to Lampsacus on the mainland

309 BCE: A 32-year-old **Epicurus** directly witnesses a **Total Solar Eclipse**

306 BCE: A 35-year-old **Epicurus** moves to Athens and establishes **the Garden**

HEGEMON – ΗΓΕΜΩΝ – /hɛ:ge.'mɔ:n/ – **“Leader”** of the Epicurean Community

Hegemon: **EPICURUS* of SAMOS** (c. 23-24th January 341 BCE – 270/69 BCE) founder of Epicureanism

KATHEGEMONES – ΚΑΘΗΓΕΜΩΝΗΣ – /ka.tʰɛ:ge.'mɔ:ni:z/ – **“Guides”** with the Hegemon

Kathegemon: **POLYAENUS* of LAMPUSACUS** (c. 345 – 286 BCE)

Kathegemon: **METRODORUS* of LAMPUSACUS** (c. 331/0 – 278/7 BCE)

Kathegemon: **HERMARCHUS* of MYTILENE** (c. 325 – 250 BCE)

*The founder and his closest three allies are called **HOI ANDRES – ΟΙ ΑΝΔΡΕΣ** – "The Men"

DIADOCHOI – ΔΙΑΔΟΧΟΙ – /di:'a.dɔ:kʰɔj/ – **“Succession”** of Epicurean Scholarchs

Scholarch (1st): **HERMARCHUS*** (c. 325 – 250 BCE) Scholarch **from 270 to 250 BCE**

Scholarch (2nd): **POLYSTRATUS** (c. 300 – 219/8 BCE) **from 250 to 219/8 BCE**

NOTE: Scholarchs after **Polystratus** will **NOT** have personally known **Epicurus**.

Scholarch (3rd): **DIONYSIUS of LAMPUSACUS** (c. 280 – 205 BCE) **from 219/8 to 205 BCE**

Scholarch (4th): **BASILIDES of TYRUS** (c. 245 – 175 BCE) **from 205 to 175 BCE**

Scholarch (5th): **PROTARCHUS of BARGHILIA** (c. 225 – 150 BCE) **from 175 to 150 BCE**

Scholarch (6th): **APOLLODORUS of ATHENS** (c. 200 – 125 BCE) **from 147 to 125 BCE**

Scholarch (7th): **ZENO of SIDON** (c. 166 – 75 BCE) **Scholarch from 125 to 75 BCE**

Scholarch (8th): **PHAEDRUS** (c. 138 – 70/69 BCE) **Scholarch from 75 to 70/69 BCE**

Scholarch (9th): **PATRO** (c. 100 – 25 BCE) **Scholarch from 70/69 to 51 BCE**

In A.D. 121 the then incumbent, Popilius Theotimus, appealed to Plotina, widow of the emperor Trajan and a devoted adherent, to intercede with Hadrian for relief from a requirement that the head should be a Roman citizen, which had resulted in unfortunate choices. The petition was granted and acknowledged with all the gratitude that was proper to the sect. (De Witt, Epicurus and His Philosophy 332)

Scholarch (16ish): **POPILLIUS THEOTIMUS** (early 2nd-century CE)

Scholarch (17ish): **HELIODORUS** (2nd-century CE) Hadrian writes him.

"Later in the century it is on record that the school became a beneficiary of the bounty of Marcus Aurelius [161-180 CE], who bestowed a stipend of 10,000 drachmas per annum upon the heads of all the recognized schools" (De Witt, *Epicurus and His Philosophy* 332)

KATHEGETES - ΚΑΘΗΓΗΤΕΣ - /ka.tʰɛ:ɡɛ:'tʰi:z/ - "Down from the Guides" or **Teachers**

Kathegete: **ARISTOBULUS of SAMOS** (4th - 3rd-century BCE) **brother of Epicurus**

Kathegete: **CHAERDEMUS of SAMOS** (4th - 3rd-century BCE) brother of **Epicurus**

Kathegete: **NEOCLES of SAMOS** (4th - 3rd-century BCE) another **brother of Epicurus**

GNORIMOI - ΓΝΩΡΙΜΟΙ - /ɡnɔ:ri:'moj/ - "Known Familiars" or **Disciples**

APELLES (4th - 3rd-century BCE) the recipient of one of Epicurus' many epistles

APOLLODORUS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) the brother of **Leonteus**

BATIS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) **Idomeneus'** wife and **Metrodorus'** sister

BOIDION (4th - 3rd-century BCE) "calf-eyes" hetaera who studied at the Garden

CALLISTRATUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) **fragmentary attestation**

CARNEISCUS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) dedicated a **book on the death to Philainis**

COLOTES of LAMPSACUS (c. 320 - 268 BCE) a **popular Greek writer known for satire**

CRONIUS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) a **former student of the Pythagorean Eudoxus**

CTESSIPUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) **attested in a letter fragment written by Epicurus**

DEMELATA (4th - 3rd-century BCE) attested by **Philodemus**

DEMETRIA (4th - 3rd-century BCE) a companion to **Hermarchus**

EROTION (4th - 3rd-century BCE) "**lovely**" hetaera who studied at the Garden

EUDEMUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) **mentioned in a letter written by Epicurus**

HEDEIA (3rd-century BCE) "**delectable**" companion to **Polyaenus**

HIPPOCLIDES of LAMPSACUS (c. 300 - 219/8 BCE) born on the same day as **Polystratus**

IDOMENEUS of LAMPSACUS (c. 310 - 270 BCE) the main financier of the Garden

LEONTEUS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) the husband of Themista

LEONTION (4th - 3rd-century BCE) "lioness", a respected writer and companion to Metrodorus

LYCOPHRON (4th - 3rd-century BCE) a correspondent of Leonteus of Lampsacus

MAMMARION (3rd-century BCE) "tits", a possible lover to Leonteus

MENESTRATUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) pupil of Metrodorus

MENOECEUS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) recipient of Epicurus' Letter to Menoeceus

MENTORIDES of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) the eldest brother of Metrodorus

MYS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) "mouse" a male slave granted his freedom who managed publishing

NICANOR (4th - 3rd-century BCE) student of Epicurus attested by Diogenes Laërtius

NIKIDION (4th - 3rd-century BCE) "victress" possible lover to Idomeneus

PHILAINIS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) attested by Philodemus

PHILISTAS of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) inspired Carneiscus to write

PYTHOCLES of LAMPSACUS (c. 324 — 3rd-century BCE) recipient of Epicurus' Letter to Pythocles

THEMISTA of LAMPSACUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) wife of Leonteus

THEOPHILIA (4th - 3rd-century BCE) attested by 1st-century Roman poet Martial

HELLENIC PHILOI - ΦΙΛΟΙ - /'phi.loj/ - "Friends" or Associates

ANAXARCHUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) fragmentary attestation

ARCHEPHON (4th - 3rd-century BCE) fragmentary attestation

CHARMIDES (4th - 3rd-century BCE) a friend of Arcesilaus the Academic Skeptic

DOSITHEUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) the father of Hegesianax

ERASISTRATUS of CHIOS (c. 304 - 250 BCE) of the Alexandrian school of medicine

ZOPYRUS (4th - 3rd-century BCE) fragmentary attestation

ALEXANDRIA the ATOMIST (3rd-century BCE) associated with Alexandria

ANTIDORUS THE EPICUREAN (3rd-century BCE) who wrote a work against Heraclides

APOLLONIDES (3rd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

APOLLODORUS the EPICUREAN (3rd-century BCE) a pupil of Polystratus

ARTEMON of LAODICEA (3rd-century BCE) one of several teachers of Philonides

AUTODORUS the EPICUREAN (3rd-century BCE) criticizes Heraclides in his treatise *On Justice*

CINEAS the EPICUREAN (3rd-century BCE) advised King Pyrrhus of Epirus (Plutarch)

DIODORUS (3rd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

DIOTIMUS OF SEMACHIDES (3rd-century BCE) a pupil of Polystratus

EUGATHES (3rd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

EUPHRONIUS (3rd-century BCE) ridiculed by Plutarch; possible contemporary of Aelian

HEGESIANAX (3rd-century BCE) son of Dositheus

HERMOCRATES (3rd-century BCE) who proposed natural explanation for prayer

PYRSON (3rd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

THEOPHEIDES (3rd-century BCE) a friend of Hermarchus from whom he received a letter

ANTIPHANES (3rd - 2nd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

ANTIOCHUS IV EPIPHANES (c. 3rd-century - 164 BCE) king and student to Philonides

ARISTONYMUS (3rd - 2nd-century BCE) a friend of Dionysius

DIOGENES of SELEUCIA (c. 3rd-century - 146 BCE) was put to death by Antiochus VI Dionysus

HELIODORUS OF ANTIOCH (3rd - 2nd-century BCE) a senior official in the court of Seleucus IV

ALCAEUS (2nd-century BCE) Sent and expelled from Rome with Philiscus in 154 BCE

CEPHISOPHON (2nd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

DAMOPHANES (2nd-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

DEMETRIUS I SOTER (c. 185 - 150 BCE) a ruler of the Seleucid Empire and student to Philonides

EUCRATIDES of RHODES (2nd-century BCE) was known only by his gravestone

HERACLITUS of RHODIAPOLIS (2nd-century BCE) Physician connected with the Athenian school

IOLAUS OF BITHYNIA (2nd-century BCE) a physician associated with Epicureanism

NICASICRATES of RHODES (2nd-century BCE) was called as a "dissident" by Philodemus

PHILISCUS (2nd-century BCE) Sent and expelled from Rome with Alcaeus in 154 BCE

PHILONIDES of LAODICEA (c. 200 - 130 BCE) Founded school in Antioch

THESPIS the EPICUREAN (2nd-century BCE) student of Scholarch Basilides; taught Philodemus

TIMASAGORAS of RHODES (2nd-century BCE) was called as a "dissident" by Philodemus

ATHENAEUS (2nd - 1st-century BCE) a pupil of Polyaeus of Lampsacus

ATHENAGORAS (2nd - 1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

ASCLEPIADES of BITHYNIA (124 - 40 BCE) Physician with atomic drug theory

IRENAEUS OF MILETUS (2nd - 1st-century BCE) a pupil of Demetrius Lacon

PHILODEMUS of GADARA (c. 110 - 30 BCE) manuscripts preserved in Herculaneum

ANTIGENES (1st-century BCE) friend of Philodemus

ANTIPATER (1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

APOLLOPHANES of PERGAMUM (1st-century BCE) sent to Rome to teach

BACCHUS (1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

BROMIUS (1st-century BCE) peer to Philodemus; Zeno of Sidon's pupil

DEMETRIUS LACON (1st-century BCE) Founded Milesian school; taught Philodemus

DIOGENES of TARSUS (1st-century BCE) travels with Plutarch of Tarsus

EGNATIUS (1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

LYSIAS of TARSUS (1st-century BCE) Tyrant of Tarsus who butchered the wealthy

ORION the EPICUREAN (1st-century BCE) Epicurean "notable" per Laërtius

PLATO OF SARDIS (1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

PLUTIADES of TARSUS (1st-century BCE) travels with Diogenes of Tarsus

PTOLEMEUS the BLACK of ALEXANDRIA (*1st-century BCE*) "notable" per Laërtius

PTOLEMEUS the WHITE of ALEXANDRIA (*1st-century BCE*) "notable" per Laërtius

TIMAGORAS (*1st-century BCE*) attested by Cicero

ARTEMIDORUS OF PARIUM (*1st-century BCE/CE*) *fragmentary attestation*

ATHENODORUS (*1st-century CE*) *fragmentary attestation*

ATHENODORUS OF ATHENS (*1st-century CE*) *fragmentary attestation*

AMYNIAS of SAMOS (*1st-century CE*) only known due to a stone inscription

BOETHUS OF SIDON (*1st-century CE*) an acquaintance of Plutarch

DIONYSIUS OF RHODES (*1st-century CE*) a friend of Diogenes of Oenoanda

MENNEAS (*1st-century CE*) *fragmentary attestation*

POLLIUS FELIX (*1st-century CE*) a patron of the poet Statius

THEODORIDAS OF LINDUS (*1st-century CE*) an acquaintance of Diogenes of Oenoanda

XENOCLES OF DELPHI (*1st-century CE*) an acquaintance of Plutarch

XENOCRITOS (*1st-century CE*) known only from a stone inscription

EPICURIUS (*1st - 2nd-century CE*) a philosopher attested by the Middle Platonist Plutarch

CELSUS [1] the EPICUREAN (*2nd-century CE*) a friend of Lucian of Samosata

CELSUS [2] the EPICUREAN (*2nd-century CE*) a Greek opponent to the Christian church

DIOCLES the EPICUREAN (*2nd-century CE*) a Greek opponent to the Christian church

DIOGENES of OENOANDA (*2nd-century CE*) posted Epicurean teachings on a 205-ft. wall

DIOGENIANUS (*2nd-century CE*) who wrote a polemic against Chrysippus

HERACLITUS of RHODIAPOLIS (*2nd-century CE*) known from a stone inscription

LUCIAN OF SAMOSATA (*c. 125 - 180 CE*) a Syrian satirist who ridiculed the supernatural

NICERATUS of RHODES (*2nd-century CE*) a close friend of Diogenes of Oenoanda

PHILIDAS HERACLEONOS of DIDYMA (*2nd-century CE*) known from a stone inscription

ZENOCRATES THE EPICUREAN (*2nd - 3rd-century CE*) a hedonist from Alciphron's letters

EXUPERANTIA (3rd - 4th-century CE) the wife of **Heraclamon Leonides**

HERACLAMON LEONIDES (3rd - 4th-century CE) the husband of **Exuperantia**

ROMAN **AMICI - AMICI** - /a'mi:ki: / - "**Friends**" or "**Associates**"

ANTONIUS (2nd-century BCE) **Exchanged views with Galen on medical matters.**

GAIUS AMAFINIUS (late 2nd-century BCE) among the first Epicureans to write in Latin

RABIRIUS (late 2nd-century BCE) among the first Epicureans to write in Latin

TITUS ALBUCIUS (late 2nd-century BCE) studied in Athens; passed teachings to Rome

AULUS TORQUATUS (2nd - 1st-century BCE) a relative of L. Manlius and possible Epicurean

CATIUS INSUBER (c. 2nd-century - 45 BCE) **popular Celtic author from Northern Italy**

LUCIUS CORNELIUS SISENNA (2nd - 1st-century BCE) a historian and "inconsistent" Epicurean

LUCIUS MANLIUS TORQUATUS (2nd-century - 46 BCE) a friend of Cicero; **AGAINST** Julius Caesar

NERO THE EPICUREAN (2nd - 1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

TITUS POMPONIUS ATTICUS (110 - 32 BCE) **Close friend of Cicero; wisely apolitical**

ANTHIS (1st-century BCE) a freedwoman of Calpurnia Caesaris who named her son "Mr. 20th"

AURELIUS OPILIUS (1st-century BCE) Freedman who retired to Mytilene

DION (1st-century BCE) A philosopher for whom **Cicero** had no regard and little respect

LUCIUS AUFIDIUS BASSUS (1st-century BCE) **Used philosophy to deal with a chronic illness**

LUCIUS CORNELIUS BALBUS (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero

LUCIUS LUCCESIUS (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero

LUCIUS PAPIRIUS PAETUS (1st-century BCE) good friends with Cicero

LUCIUS SAUFEIUS (1st-century BCE) **Friend of Cicero and Atticus; seemingly apolitical**

LUCIUS VARIUS RUFUS (1st-century BCE) **Roman poet and associate of Virgil**

MARCUS FADIUS GALLUS (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero who wrote against Julius Caesar

MARCUS POMPILIUS ANDRONICUS (1st-century BCE) correspondent with Cicero

MARCUS VALERIUS MESSALLA CORVINUS (1st-century BCE) a friend of Horace

MARIUS the EPICUREAN (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero and subject of a text

MATIUS the EPICUREAN (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero known for defying anti-Caesarists

PLAUTIUS TUCCA (1st-century BCE) Roman poet and associate of Virgil

PUBLIUS CORNELIUS DOLABELLA (1st-century BCE) Senate declared him an “enemy of the State”

PUBLIUS VOLUMNIUS ETRAPELUS (1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

SIRO (1st-century BCE) Pupil of **Zeno of Sidon**; taught **Virgil**; founded the school in Naples

STATILIUS the EPICUREAN (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero who argued against Civil War

TREBIANUS (1st-century BCE) *fragmentary attestation*

VELLEIUS the EPICUREAN (1st-century BCE) a friend of Cicero who supported **Epicurean theology**

LUCIUS CALPURNIUS PISO CAESONINUS (c. 100 – 43 BCE) friend of Cicero; Caesar's father-in-law

TITUS LUCRETIUS CARUS (99 – 55 BCE) writes *De Rerum Natura*

GAIUS VIBIUS PANSA CAETRONIANUS (c. 90s – 43 BCE) Friend of Cicero; Friend of Julius Caesar

AULUS HIRTIUS (c. 90 – 43 BCE) a friend of Cicero and former lobbyist against Caesar

GAIUS CASSIUS LONGINUS (86 – 42 BCE) a friend of Cicero and conspirator against Caesar

CAIUS TREBATIUS TESTA (84 BCE – 4 CE) a friend of Cicero who supported Julius Caesar

CALPURNIA CAESARIS (c. 75 BCE – 00s BCE) Daughter of **Piso**

PUBLIUS VIRGILIUS MARO (70 – 19 BCE) student of **Siro** at the Garden of Naples

GAIUS CILNIUS MAECENAS (70 – 8 BCE) political advisor to Octavian/Augustus

QUINTUS HORACE HORATIUS FLACCUS (65 – 8 BCE) Coined *carpe diem* or "seize the day!"

CAIUS STALLIUS HAURANUS (1st-century BCE - 1st-century CE) a student in Naples

LUCIUS CALPURNIUS PISO PONTIFEX (48 BCE - 32 CE) the son of Piso Caesoninus

PUBLIUS QUINTILIUS VARUS (46 BCE - 9 CE) a general and fellow-student of Virgil

ALEXANDER the EPICUREAN (1st-century CE) who was "fond of learning"

DIODORUS the EPICUREAN (1st-century CE) who allegedly committed suicide

GAIUS PETRONIUS ARBITER (c. 27 - 66 CE) who allegedly committed suicide

MARCUS GAVIUS APICIUS (1st-century CE) a gourmet during Tiberius' reign

NOMENTANUS (1st-century CE) a Roman Epicurean during Tiberius' reign

PUBLIUS MANLIUS VOPISCUS (1st-century CE) a patron of the poet Statius

CAIUS ARTORIUS CELER (1st - 2nd-century CE) a philosopher from North Africa

EMPRESS POMPEIA PLOTINA CLAUDIA PHOEBE PISO (c. 68 - 121/2 CE) Trajan's widow

MAXIMUS THE EPICUREAN (1st - 2nd-century CE) *fragmentary attestation*

AURELIUS BELIUS PHILIPPUS (2nd-century CE) Head of Apamean school

DAMIS THE EPICUREAN (2nd-century CE) whose historical personage is poorly attested

PUDENTIANUS (2nd-century CE) Galen wrote a lost work to him

TIBERIUS CLAUDIUS LEPIDUS (2nd-century CE) Founded school in Amastris

EMPEROR LUCIUS SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS (145 - 211) Emperor from 193 to 211

ZENOBIUS (2nd - 3rd-century CE) the target of a book by Alexander of Aphrodisias

PALLADAS of ALEXANDRIA (4th-century CE) known as the "last known ancient Epicurean"

*We have seen that at the beginning of the third century AD, some five centuries after the death of its founder, Epicureanism was still alive both in major centres and in remoter parts of the Graeco-Roman world. It is generally held, however, that its demise lay not far off, that by the middle of the fourth century it would have become a virtually forgotten creed, overwhelmed, along with Stoicism, by the spread of Christianity, fully justifying St. Augustine's boast that '**its ashes are so cold that not a single spark can be struck from them**'. (Jones, *Epicurean Tradition* 94)*

MEDIEVAL EPICUREANS:

FREDERICK II, HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (1194 - 1250) who **burns** in Dante's *Inferno*

FARINATA DEGLI UBERTI (1212 - 1264) a Florentine atheist who **burns** in Dante's *Inferno*

CAVALCANTE DE' CAVALCANTI (c. 1230 - 1280) a philosopher who **burns** in Dante's *Inferno*

MANFRED, KING OF SICILY (1232 - 1266) the son of Frederick II and fellow Epicurean

GUIDO CAVALCANTI (c. 1250 - 1300) best friend of Dante and son of **Cavalcante**

MODERN EPICUREANS AND NEO-EPICUREANS:

LORENZO VALLA (1406 - 1457) who wrote *On Pleasure* and sympathized with **Epicurus**

ERASMUS OF ROTTERDAM (1466 - 1536) a Dutch philosopher and Humanist

LUDOVICO ARIOSTO (1474 - 1533) a poet who employed Epicurean themes

GIOVANNI DI LORENZO DE' MEDICI, POPE LEO X (1475 - 1521) a luxury-loving Humanist

FRANCESCO GUICCIARDINI (1483 - 1540) of the Italian Renaissance

MICHEL EYQUEM DE MONTAIGNE (1533 - 1592) of the French Renaissance

ELIO DIODATAI (1576 - 1661) a Genevan jurist and supporter of Galileo

FRANÇOIS DE LA MOTHE LE VAYER (1588 - 1672) a writer and friend of Molière

THÉOPHILE DE VIAU (1590 - 1626) who was banished from France on charges of immorality

PIERRE GASSENDI (1592 - 1655) who tried to reconcile Epicureanism with Christianity

JACQUES VALLÉE, SIEUR DES BARREAUX (1599 - 1673) a French poet and lover of de Viau

FRANÇOIS LUILLIER (1600 - 1651) was known by reputation as a practicing Epicurean

GABRIEL NAUDÉ (1600 - 1653) a French librarian, prolific writer, and friend of **Gassendi**

GUILLES DE LAUNAY (c. 1600- 1675) wrote that **Epicurus was the ideal natural philosopher**

GUI PATIN (1601 - 1672) a French doctor and great friend of **Gabriel Naudé**

EMMANUEL MAIGNAN (1601 - 1676) a French physicist and Christian Epicurean theologian

JEAN FRANÇOIS SARASIN (1611 - 1654) a French writer and Epicurean devotee

MARION DE LORME (1613 - 1650) a famous French courtesan from a known Epicurean circle

CHARLES DE SAINT-ÉVREMOND (1613 - 1703) a follower of **Gassendi**

FRANÇOIS VI, DUC DE LA ROCHEFOUCAULD (1613 - 1680) a French author

ANTOINE MENJOT (c. 1615 - 1696) a French doctor and follower of **Gassendi**

WALTER CHARLETON (1619 - 1707) a main transmitter of Epicureanism to England

SAVINIEN DE CYRANO DE BERGERAC (1619 - 1655) a French novelist and playwright

FRANÇOIS BERNIER (1620 - 1688) a French physician and follower of **Gassendi**

NINON DE L'ENCLOS (1620 - 1705) an author who left her inheritance for 9-year-old Voltaire

JEAN DE LA FONTAINE (1621 - 1695) a widely-read French poet and fabulist

MARGARET CAVENDISH, DUCHESS (1623 - 1673) an atomist but *not* a classical Epicurean

MADAME MARIE DE RABUTIN-CHANTAL, MARQUISE DE SÉVIGNÉ (1626 - 1696) an aristocrat

SIR WILLIAM TEMPLE, 1st BARONET (1628 - 1699) an essayist and friend of **Wilmot**

ANTOINETTE DESHOULIÈRES (1634 - 1655) a French, epicurean poet

GUILLAUME AMFRYE DE CHAULIEU (1639 - 1720) a convinced Epicurean poet

APHRA BEHN (1640 - 1689) an English playwright, poet, writer, and libertine translator

GUILLAUME LAMY (1644 - 1683) a French physician who taught **La Mettrie**

CHARLES AUGUSTE DE LA FARE (1644 - 1712) a French poet and friend of Chaulieu

JACQUES PARRAIN DES COUTURES (1645 - 1702) who wrote *La Morale d'Epicure*

JOHN WILMOT, 2nd EARL of ROCHESTER (1647 - 1680) a satirist; friend of **Temple**

JEAN DE LA CHAPELLE (1651 - 1723) the “father of French epicurean poetry.”

FRANÇOIS COURTIN (1659 - 1739) abbot of Mont-Saint-Quentin by age nineteen

WILLIAM CONGREVE (1670 - 1729) an English playwright of the Restoration Period

BERNARD MANDEVILLE (1670 - 1733) an Anglo-Dutch philosopher, economist, and satirist

CELESTINO GALIANI (1681 - 1753) an Archbishop who adhered to “Christian Epicureanism”

JULIEN OFFRAY DE LA METTRIE (1709 - 1751) who grounded mental processes in the body

FREDERICK II of PRUSSIA (1712 - 1786) also known as “Frederick The Great”

DENIS DIDEROT (1713 - 1784) a French author, social critic, and religious skeptic

CLAUDE ADRIEN HELVÉTIUS (1715 - 1771) a French utilitarian philosopher

PAUL-HENRI THIRY, BARON D'HOLBACH (1723 - 1789) an atheist during the Enlightenment

THOMAS JEFFERSON (1743 - 1826) the third President of the United States of America

JEREMY BENTHAM (1748 - 1832) an English philosopher and founder of modern Utilitarianism

RICHARD PAYNE KNIGHT (1751 - 1824) an English classical scholar and collector

WILLIAM SHORT (1759 - 1849) an ambassador and friend of **Thomas Jefferson**

WALTER SAVAGE LANDOR (1775 - 1864) an English writer, poet, and activist

CHARLES GREVILLE (1794 - 1865) an English diarist and amateur cricket player

FRANCIS WRIGHT (1795 - 1852) a Scottish-American writer, feminist, and abolitionist

WALT WHITMAN (1819 - 1892) and American poet whose Father heard **Wright** lecture

WILLIAM WALLACE (1844 - 1897) a Scottish philosopher inspired by Epicurus

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON (1850 - 1894) an American writer and author of *Treasure Island*

JEAN-MARIE GUYAU (1854 - 1888) a French author and anarchist who died at the age of 33

HENRY DWIGHT SEDGWICK (1861 - 1957) titled his auto-biography *Memoirs of an Epicurean*

CHARLES LEOPOLD MAYER (1881 - 1971) a French biochemist and Liberal who opposed Marx

JUN TSUJI (1884 - 1944) a Japanese dadaist, absurdist, poet, essayist and playwright

H. P. LOVECRAFT (1890 - 1927) whose philosophy of Cosmicism was inspired by Epicureanism

JOSÉ MUJICA (1935 - PRESENT) a farmer and 40th President of Uruguay from 2010 to 2015.

CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS (1949 - 2011) a writer, polemicist and religious critic

CASSIUS AMICUS (1958 - PRESENT) a writer and proprietor of **NewEpicurean.com**

MICHEL ONFRAY (1959 - PRESENT) a scholar of hedonism and fierce religious critic

HIRAM CRESPO (1975 - PRESENT) a writer and founder of SocietyOfEpicurus.com

NATHAN H. BARTMAN (1988 - PRESENT) a musician and author of this historical investigation.

FORMER EPICUREANS:

TIMOCRATES of LAMPSACUS (4th – 3rd-century BCE) brother of **Metrodorus of Lampsacus**

HERODOTUS of LAMPSACUS (4th – 3rd-century BCE) Friend of **Timocrates**

METRODORUS of STRATONECIUS (2nd-century BCE) converted to Academic Skepticism

CICERO (106 BCE – 43 BCE) Student of **Phaedrus** who pioneered Eclecticism

SAUL of TARSUS (c. 5 – 65 CE) Better known as *St. Paul the Apostle* of the Christian tradition

EPICUREAN COMMUNITIES:

*We meet Epicureans not just in **Athens**, where they were amongst Paul's audiences, but we also come across Epicurean communities in the West, in **Herculaneum** or **Sorrento**, in the East, on **Rhodes** and **Cos**, in **Pergamon**, Lycian **Oinoanda**, Syrian **Apameia**, in remote southern Lycian **Rhodiapolis** or in **Amastris** in Bithynia on the Black Sea. (The Cambridge Companion to Epicureanism 48)*

School at **LAMPSACUS** (modern Northwestern Turkey) Founded by **Epicurus**

The **GARDEN (Ο ΚΗΠΟΣ) of ATHENS** (Central Greece) Founded by **Epicurus**

Community in **CORINTH** (Peloponnese peninsula, Greece)

Community in **CHALCIS** (Euboea island, Greece)

Community in **THEBES** (Boeotia, Central Greece)

Community in **THESSALONIKI** (Macedonia region, Greece)

Community in **KOS** (Southeastern island of Greece)

School at **RHODES** (Southeastern island of Greece)

School at **AMASTRIS** (Northern Turkey) Founded by **Tiberius Claudius Lepidus**

Community in **TARSUS** (Northwest Turkey)

Community in **PERGAMON** (Western Turkey)

Community in **COLOPHON** (Western Turkey)

Community in **EPHESUS** (Southwestern Turkey)

School at **MILETUS** (Southwestern Turkey) Founded by **Demetrius Laco**

Community in **OINOANDA** (Southwestern Turkey) Supported by **Diogenes**

Community in **RHODIAPOLIS** (Southwestern Turkey)

School at **ANTIOCH** (*South-central Turkey*) Founded by **Philonides**

School at **APAMEIA** (*Western Syria*) Lead by **Aurelius Belius Philippus**

Community at SIDON (Lebanon)

Community at **TYRE** (*Lebanon*)

Community in **ALEXANDRIA** (*City of Alexander III of Macedon in Egypt*)

Community in **OXYRHYNCHUS** (*Southern Egypt*)

School at **NAPLES** (*Southwestern Italy*) Founded by **Siro**

Community in **HERCULANEUM** (*Southwestern Italy*) Lead by **Philodemus**

Community in **ROME** (*Western Italy*) Inspired by **Albucius**