

Where Is Epicurus In The "School of Athens"?

Post by "Cassius" of May 17, 2021 at 7:49 AM

Closeup of the first draft of the section Elli is pointing to:

http://projects.mcah.columbia.edu/raphael/htm/ra...athens_draw.htm

also: <https://www.ambrosiana.it/en/partecipa/p...chool-of-athen/>



<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/165-where-is-epicurus-in-the-school-of-athens/?postID=12132#post12132>

Does it not appear that the twisted-head figure has some kind of headpiece on? I would think that undercuts the idea that he was originally a major figure, and I would see his being replaced as some evidence of special attention being paid to this character. He may have a beard, but the overall look doesn't impress me as being a philosopher, unlike the figure that replaced him.

I'm not sure why but in the past (and some of my comments probably reflect this) I was thinking that this fresco was in some part of Italy other than the Vatican. Since I now stand corrected and find that this is in the Vatican, **in my own mind** that adds near-certainty to Elli's conclusion. I personally have no doubt that the arch-enemies of Epicurus in the Vatican **never** lost track of what their primary enemy looked like, and one of them could and would have pointed out his bust to Raphael.