

Where Is Epicurus In The "School of Athens"?

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To be clear: I certainly think Elli's assertion deserves respect and scrutiny. My position currently is that an Epicurean approach is to have an open mind and to not defend one position at this time until more evidence is available, much like the texts do with meteorological and astronomical phenomena: it could be x, y, or z with our current information.

It could be Epicurus depicted in the smaller background figure.

It could be an anonymous figure to fill out the composition.

It could be a pre-Socratic bearded philosopher.

It could be an unnamed student of Plato situated near his master.

Those are just some of the options available at this time.