

# Where Is Epicurus In The "School of Athens"?

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The Church Fathers wrote about Epicurus and their writings were definitely never lost. For example:

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## Quote

Clement's definition of philosophy and the tolerance that it implies: "By philosophy I do not mean the Stoic nor the Platonic, or the Epicurean and Aristotelian, but everything that has been well said by each of the schools and that teaches righteousness along with science marked by reverence; this eclectic whole I call philosophy" (Strom., i. 7. 732CD).

So, Clement himself included Epicureanism within Philosophy.

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Origen ascribes to Epicurean influence the unorthodox views of his pagan opponent, Celsus. The opinions of Celsus in which Origen claims to detect latent Epicureanism concern a variety of topics.

It's not like Epicurus was forgotten. I have no problem believing his busts or likeness were lost. We have the fanciful depiction in the Nuremberg Chronicle to attest to that. But the philosophy itself - love it or hate it - is enshrined in the works of the "Church Fathers" so it would never have been forgotten or misplaced, misinterpreted yes, lost no.