

The Wreathed Figure In Blue - Epicurus? Democritus? Someone Else?

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I like the idea that it is Grape leaves.



Is this figure is an Epicurean, something indicating wine would be appropriate.

It could be Oak as well, signifying the Father God, and the source of Wisdom, thus, reinforcing the divine nature of whatever truth the writer is inscribing, helped by a cherub.



I am surprised that Raphael painted an author, receiving inspiration from a cherub, and chose **NOT** to identify him as a poet (with Laurel leaves). That may also have been a missed opportunity, and not the best artistic choice that could have been employed.

Or it could be ambivalent. Rather than specifically identifying a "poet", or "defender of Rome", or "brave soldier", it may just indicate "a Roman to the 16th-century mind".