

Did Epicurus Advise Marriage or Not? Diogenes Laertius Text Difficulty

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He finds very little of the marriage of romantic love to the Greeks and Romans.

I certainly think this is the case for Marriage as the institution, but I also think there is plenty of evidence for relationships based on what we would recognize as romantic love. Not the least of which is Pericles and Aspasia. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aspasia?wprov=sfla1>

Or Metrodorus and Leontion who conceivably could have been the mother of his son and daughter.

I'm not convinced at all that romantic love was created in the Middle Ages. Too much evidence in ancient sources, to me, points to the contrary.

Maybe that's why marriage isn't necessarily promoted? Love outside marriage - in their view - had the potential for more mutual pleasure??