

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

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Let's consider professor Erler's arguments as he points out in his book "Epicurus: An introduction to his practical ethics and politics".

He identifies the man wearing the wreath of ivy as Epicurus. He refers to the letter to Menoecus. The ivy man is surrounded by four people of every age. This shall represent Epicurus' call for philosophing being a young guy as well as being an old man.

He also argues that Epicurus is characterized by words by Sidonius Apollinaris:

"You do not burn with envy at the thought of those paintings all over the gymnasia of the Areopagus and in the prytanea showing Speusippus with his head bowed forward, Aratus with his head bent back, Epicurus with unwrinkled skin, Diogenes with long beard, Socrates with trailing hair, Aristotle with out-thrust arm."

Finally, Erler refers to Horace. Erler writes "the fat and sleek man with good keeping."

Personally, I'd also add the fact that one of the guys is lying on the shoulder of the suggested Epicurus, searching for philosophy as help and guidance.