

# **Episode Ninety-Eight - The Epicurean View of Justice (Part One)**

**Post by “Cassius” of November 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

I completely agree and this is a subject that needs lots of attention.

I think it's quite proper to refer to "laws of nature" and there's a lot of that in Epicurus/Lucretius if I recall correctly, but they were talking generally in terms of physics. They were also talking carefully about the issue of "properties" and "events" or "incidents" (I hate the word "accidents" as I think its connotations make it misleading in this context) and I think most modern discussions skip over that without realizing the important implications.

And then there's the biblical "slave of the weak and beggarly elements" reference which also is a point of connection where we can show how the Epicureans were directly translating their physics into implications for human life.

But I think you're exactly right. There is this long "laws of nature of of nature's god" that appears in even in Jefferson that is being used to establish the viewpoint that social / political conventions were themselves written by "Nature," and most of those implications I think go way too far.

This is a part of the subject of justice that really cries out for expansion to clarify where Epicurus was going.