

Welcome BoyH0wdy!

Post by “Godfrey” of December 4, 2021 at 11:45 AM

Welcome boyh0wdy!

I'm curious as to what Stephen Bachelor has to say about Buddhism and Hellenistic philosophy. My limited understanding is that there was cross fertilization between Greek and Indian ideas. I thought, though, that that was quite controversial from the Buddhist perspective.

There doesn't seem to be much scholarship on the subject. To me it's a fertile area, though not so much for the similarities. Epicurus successfully developed and enriched ideas from certain of his predecessors. Knowing how these predecessors interacted with Buddhism could be fruitful for appreciating how Epicurus evolved particular dogmas.

The danger from a Greek point of view, as pointed out in previous posts, is that it's very easy to read similar ideas into different philosophies and leave it at that, without appreciating the nuance and development involved.

Anyway, that's my long winded way of saying howdy boyh0wdy!