

Compassion in Epicurean Philosophy

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The Sedley book is Lucretius and the Transformation of Greek Wisdom



I find that book fascinating. Especially, now again that I'm working through *On Nature* in *Les Epicuriens*. The connections between Epicurus's work and Lucretius's is very interesting. I find this doubly so (and I have source amnesia on this) that I've read Cicero was possibly using Philodemus for his Torquatus and other Epicurean material; while Lucretius had been using older texts - maybe even exclusively Epicurus's *On Nature*. Philodemus (and the more contemporary Epicureans) may have updated some of Epicurus's older celestial observations with more "modern" observations including the size of the sun argument. That may very well be in Sedley, so be on the lookout. I get the sense that Philodemus didn't refute Epicurus so much as update his work with more current observations.

Look forward to hearing what you think of it.