

Episode One Hundred Eight - The Benefits of A Proper Understanding of the Senses and of Natural Science

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[Quote from smoothiekiwi](#)

But, as far as I can judge, the Epicurean is simply an empirical sceptic, right

In the way you mean it, probably yes, but in the way the standard dictionaries would apply that term, probably not. I am beginning to think there is never a safe way to use modern words to describe Epicurus other than just as "Epicurean" - or else use lots and lots of caveats every time.

The particular danger here lies in going too far with observation - as it appears to me Frances Wright did - and concluding that no matter how much evidence you have you can never come to a "conclusion" that you can regard as confidently proven. We will be discussing that in detail in Wright's case later in the AFDIA book review and we might find occasion to discuss it in the Lucretius podcast again too.

Wright's position on observation which I think deviates from Epicurus is set out in [Chapter 15](#) of AFDIA.