

## Epicurean mosaics in Autun - France

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A Google translation of the French text in the museum.

The image of Epicurus is itself almost as incomplete as the text. He sits on a seat of which we have no trace but we can restore with plausibility a throne with feet in lion's feet. The philosopher is dressed in a white coat, a tight section of which passes in front of the left shoulder to fall next to the knee. The left hand, raised to the height of the waist, the palm upwards, sketches a gesture of discussion, of which there is no exact equivalent in ancient statuary. Epicurus' right arm is stretched to the side in a broad gesture; the hand, disappeared, brandished an object of which remains, at the bottom left of the fragment, the slightly convex outline in two rows of gray-green tesserae (curved stick?). The text that accompanies it, very mutilated, is that of a sentence apparently famous in antiquity: "It is not possible to live with pleasure without living with prudence, honesty and justice, nor to live with prudence, honesty and justice without living with pleasure."