

Epicurean mosaics in Autun - France

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Googel translation.

The three inscriptions tend to prove that Epicureanism can be an important element in the search for and maintenance of civic concord. This theme of civil peace as a result of moderation is ultimately the one that makes it possible to make the most balanced synthesis of all aspects of the Autun mosaic. The quality of the texts and images must be put in relation with the schools of Autun, so renowned since their foundation (Tacitus, *Annales*, III, 43; Eumène, *Discours pour la restauration des Ecoles d'Autun*, Panegy. LaLV); the teaching of rhetoric was to play a great role and the sentences taken from the Letters of Epicurus and Metrodorus were particularly appreciated.

Faced with this great refinement, the play between two types of writing that makes it possible to advance the date of the end of the Second Century, we can wonder about the owner of this house: perhaps a rhetorician?, in any case a notable trained by the Schools that made the city of Autun a hotbed of Hellenism in Gaul.