

Images, Nicknames, and Things Associated With Epicurus

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47. One of Alexander's acts in this connection was most comical. Hitting upon the "Established Beliefs" of Epicurus, which is the finest of his books, as you know, and contains in summary the articles of the man's philosophic creed,³⁷ he brought it into the middle of the market-place, burned it on fagots of fig-wood just as if he were burning the man in person, and threw the ashes into the sea, even adding an oracle also:

"Burn with fire, I command you, the creed of a purblind dotard!"

But the scoundrel had no idea what blessings that book creates for its readers and what peace, tranquillity, and freedom it engenders in them, liberating them as it does from terrors and apparitions and portents, from vain hopes and extravagant cravings, developing in them intelligence and truth, and truly purifying their understanding, not with torches and squills and that sort of foolery, but with straight thinking, truthfulness and frankness.

[Lucian of Samosata : Alexander the False Prophet](#)

I don't see anything about "favorite food."

PS. Just to be clear: that reference to "Established Beliefs" *is* the [Principal Doctrines](#) or kyriai doxai

[Lucian, Alexander, section 47](#)