

# Any Application of Epicurean Theology to the Christian God(s)

Post by "Cassius" of May 28, 2022 at 3:23 PM

Gosh Joshua's post reminded me of something I can't believe I forgot.

Root304, you may also be interested in Thomas Cooper:

Thread

[Thomas Cooper MD](#)

[Admin Note: I am going to hijack Godfrey's post (which was originally [here](#)) and start a new thread from it on the topic of Thomas Cooper MD, materialist and friend of Thomas Jefferson]:

I would very much like to move Thomas Cooper into the "avowed Epicurean" category, but unfortunately I have not been able to find any references to Epicurus or Lucretius in Cooper's surviving writing which would allow me to do that. Hopefully at some point in the future someone can help me marshal the evidence...



Godfrey

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So far as i can find Cooper never wrote about Epicurus, but his writings include "[The Scripture Doctrine of Materialism](#)" which argues that "materialism" is the true doctrine of the old and new testaments, and gives lots of cites from the Bible in support of the point!

He also wrote: [A View of the Metaphysical and Physiological Arguments In Favor of Materialism](#) which makes the same arguments but not from a scriptural point of view.

I feel sure that Cooper was a closeted friend of Epicurus, but he held a very public teaching position at the top of a very public university in a very Christian state (South Carolina) so I feel sure his absence of mentioning Epicurus was self-censorship to try to survive in his teaching position. But regardless of that his arguments are very Epicurean-compatible IMHO.