

Epicurean Similarities With Early Christianity

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I wanted to note - even though we all know it, it bears repeating - that Epicureanism was over well over 300 years old when Christianity was just beginning to be established:

In around 311 BC, Epicurus, when he was around thirty years old, began teaching in Mytilene.
(Wikipedia)

Jesus' ministry ended around 30 CE. Paul's conversion is around the same time. Epicurus started teaching around 311 BCE... Over 340 prior to the beginnings of Christianity.

In light of that, I just want to say that - for me - it's only makes sense if the flow of similarities flows from Epicureanism to Christianity. Just like Christmas, Easter, building churches on ground holy to existing faiths. Just like one theory of mine that the church of St George in the Kerameikos district in Athens is built on top of the Garden. That's just a theory of mine, not currently backed up by anything other than a hunch. If there are similarities, it's because the Garden was seen as a threat, and the followers of Christ stole from it to make their religion more popular. *Tantum religio potuit suadere malorum.*