

Welcome Beasain!

Post by "Cassius" of June 5, 2022 at 8:59 PM

Yes, Beasain, thank you for that wonderful introduction. That is just the kind of "intellectual history" that contributes so much to the forum and to further discussion. Very fascinating and thank you!

As to your first main point, certainly it is an absolute travesty that Epicurus is given so little recognition in Academic circles today. I hope we can play a small part here to motivate people to write new material and take the story of Epicurus to new generations who very much need it.

As to Pierre Vesperini, I have not heard of him or his thesis, but it would be great to one day get an english version of his research. Even small tidbits of new information, or even informed speculation, about Lucretius would be interesting.

As you indicate I find it hard to accept that Lucretius was anything but a confirmed Epicurean, but that does not mean that he spent his whole life that way, or that he didn't write on widely different subjects as well. I hope we can one day find more material to allow us to speculate further about his background.

Again welcome to the forum!