

# **Sedley Article: Epicurus And The Mathematicians of Cyzicus -1976 ( On The Issue of Epicurus vs Geometry)**

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I just observed that that article was published in 1976 - forty+ years ago. I still haven't had a chance to read the full thing but the date makes me realize that it would be interesting to know whether David Sedley's attitudes towards Epicurus have changed over the years. I haven't tried to figure out where David Sedley is in life (retired? still teaching?) but it would be interesting to hear from him how, if at all, his views of Epicurean philosophy have changed after a lifetime of study -- especially on an issue like how to approach a question (like Epicurus' views on geometry) where the evidence is often from a hostile tradition, and how he approaches deciding whether those accusations are justified.

For example I am really impressed with the analysis of the ["Epicurus on the Size of the Sun" essay by Gellar-Goad](#) as an example of how someone sympathetic to Epicurus can take the big picture and put even the most (apparently) questionable position in a much better light.