

"Lucretius on the Size of the Sun", by T.H.M. Gellar-Goad

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

we can point out that Dewitt did not defend Epicurus strongly enough

An author that very strongly defends Epicurus through his historical analysis of Ancient Greek philosophy is [Benjamin Farrinton](#) e.g. in "The Faith of Epicurus" or in "Science and Politics in the Ancient World". For me he is the best author that I have read so far about the historical and economic backgrounds of Greek Philosophy/"Science". He is marginalised but often cited. The effect of the slavery economy is according to him a very important factor. I think that his books are worth reading although they are mostly from around the 1950's. The knowledge of economic backgrounds to interpret the work of a philosopher is maybe key in understanding his work.