

A New Angle of Attack? Thomas Jefferson Hogg

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[Joshua](#) my reading of this is that Jefferson was being sarcastic, essentially claiming the only benefit of Epicureanism and other materialist philosophies is that it shows they cannot possibly succeed. It's curious though that he should characterise Epicureanism as a narrow sect in which people lived alone?! Wasn't it actually the opposite? Plato and Aristotle may have fed thousands figuratively, but only Epicurus actually broke bread with his fellow men in friendship. It really greatly saddens me to see such purposeful misrepresentation of Epicurus and his message throughout history.