

# Metaphorically Picturing Epicurean Philosophy

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Michele's friend's "breaking the chains" graphic is almost a mirrored response to the Platonic cave metaphor.

I don't think I've seen this graphic; maybe it refers to exactly what I'm about to say...

Whenever I think of the cave metaphor, I can't help but give it a meaning exactly the opposite of Plato's. It's the idealists and manipulators who have people chained in the cave focused on their false reality, while the true reality of nature is outside waiting for us to discover it.

Maybe it's just me, but that seems like a far more natural interpretation than Plato's, where everything outside the cave is an allegory. No...the stuff outside the cave is just what it looks like: the real world. What goes on inside the cave almost literally describes social media, virtual reality, etc.