

Modern Research Into Physiology Issues Relevant to Epicurus's Views of Images and Other Influences On the Human Mind

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We know the mind is inextricably linked to the brain, but I've never been that hard on Epicurus for the chest thing. From the literally "breathtaking" feeling one feels in the presence of awe-inspiring sights to the feeling of being heartbroken, we really do *feel* emotion in the chest!

The phrase used in Diogenes Laertius 10.66 is:

τὸ δὲ λογικὸν ἐν τῷ θώρακι

to (de) logikon en tō thōraki

"(and) the reason/intellect {is} in the "the thorax""

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, λογικ-ός](#)

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, An Intermediate Greek-English Lexicon, θώραξ](#)

I also found it interesting that just prior to the logikon section, the "a-logos" is said to be distributed throughout the body.

I'm going to have to go back and see how that Scholion fits into the pathē and pleasure and pain, etc. especially since it says we feel fear and joy in the "thorax"/chest.