

# How has the word epicurean come to mean excess?

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This is really interesting, I love the fact that there are active thinkers on this forum. So from reading your posts, it sounds like Christianity had a big impact on dissolving Epicurean philosophy. I don't know anything about this so I will go away and do some research but if anyone has anything to say on this, I'd be really interested.

I do know that Epicureans believed in gods who had put things in motion but then removed themselves from our affairs and sat completely detached from humans - in this way they were almost atheist (please correct me if I am wrong on any of this) and didn't believe in an afterlife so this belief system would definitely contradict Christianity where beliefs are about a personal God, as well as the whole heaven and hell thing and Jesus saying there is only one way to be saved.