

How has the word epicurean come to mean excess?

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ok great, so I promise I will go away and do some reading but could anyone briefly summarise why Christianity was a problem for Epicurus - obviously Christian's believed in a personal god but how would Christianity have helped portray Epicureanism as excess?

Christians did not like (to put it mildly) that Epicureans did not believe in an immortal soul that could be punished or rewarded in an afterlife. The Christians also didn't like that Epicureans did not believe "god" intervened in the world and human affairs. There were a number of "disagreements" but those are the main ones.

Epicureans are actually mentioned in the Bible at Acts 17:18.