

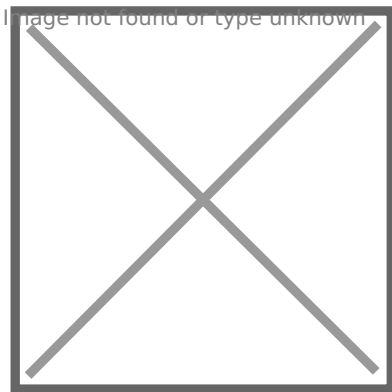
Fact-checking DeWitt's "St. Paul and Epicurus"

Post by "Don" of October 7, 2023 at 10:34 PM

The only *explicit* mention of Epicureans in the Bible is in Acts:

Acts 17:18

Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.)



[Bible Gateway passage: Acts 17 - New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition](#)

The Uproar in Thessalonica - After Paul and Silas had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue....

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But they were obviously around!

Paul was writing probably 48-60 CE.

Plus, remember the composition of Acts is usually dated to around 80-90 CE, although some scholars suggest 110-120 CE. So, there were most likely a significant number of Epicureans at that time for the reading audience to know who these "Epicureans" were.