

"Moral Darwinism: How We Became Hedonists." Review.

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Cassius, please do not get a copy of this book.

It comes from a very Christian conservative perspective, very unsympathetic towards Epicureanism.

It's just that I enjoy following J. S. Mill's advice ("He who knows only his own side of the case knows little of that..."). When I research a topic I like reading the best arguments from the other side. Wiker claims that all contemporary moral debates are simply the result of the clash of the Christian moral universe with the Epicurean moral universe.

Regarding Darwin, Wiker doesn't claim that he was a follower of Epicurus, just that Darwinism is a modern type of Epicureanism, as opposed to Aristotelian Scholasticism, Cartesian Rationalism or German Idealism. The genealogy would be: Lucretius-Gassendi-Anglo Empiricist school of Bacon, Hobbes, Newton, Locke...till Darwin.

I will be posting all the interesting bits.