

# Leonteus and Themista of Lampsacus - Main Biography

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[Leonteus of Lampsacus - Wikipedia](#)

Leonteus of [Lampsacus](#) (Greek: Λεοντεύς) was a pupil of [Epicurus](#) early in the 3rd century BCE. He was the husband of [Themista](#), who also attended Epicurus' school.<sup>[1]</sup> Such was the esteem in which they held Epicurus that they named their son after him.<sup>[1]</sup>

Leonteus is described by [Strabo](#), as one of "the ablest men in the city" of Lampsacus, along with [Idomeneus](#).<sup>[2]</sup> [Plutarch](#) describes a letter, written by Leonteus, in which Leonteus describes how [Democritus](#) was honoured by Epicurus "for having anticipated him in getting hold of correct knowledge," and how Epicurus originally proclaimed himself a "Democritean."<sup>[3]</sup>

[Themista of Lampsacus - Wikipedia](#)

Themista of [Lampsacus](#) (Greek: Θेमίστη), the wife of [Leonteus](#), was a student of [Epicurus](#), early in the 3rd century BC.<sup>[1]</sup> Epicurus' school was unusual in the 3rd century, in that it allowed women to attend, and we also hear of [Leontion](#) attending Epicurus' school around the same time. [Cicero](#) ridicules Epicurus for writing "countless volumes in praise of Themista," instead of more worthy men such as [Miltiades](#), [Themistocles](#) or [Epaminondas](#).<sup>[2]</sup> Themista and Leonteus named their son Epicurus.<sup>[3]</sup>