

Apion An Epicurean(?)

Post by “Cassius” of January 21, 2024 at 1:25 PM

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I would be avoid taking at face value any claims of Jewish ritual cannibalism or blood-drinking or inferring that the metzitzah b'peh is a vestige of this.

Yes, pursuit of the truth or falsity of the specific allegations would not be the best use of this thread. The best use would be to pursue evidences as to whether the arguments of Apion in particular were being made from an Epicurean point of view, so we can consider whether we ought to include Apion among the list of ancient Epicureans.

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Anyway the attitudes of Greek philosophers to Judaism is an interesting subject.

And yes the entire spectrum of Greek philosophers may be of some relevance, but we ought to keep the focus on those who may have been Epicureans and what light the subject can shed on our knowledge of the Epicureans in the ancient world.