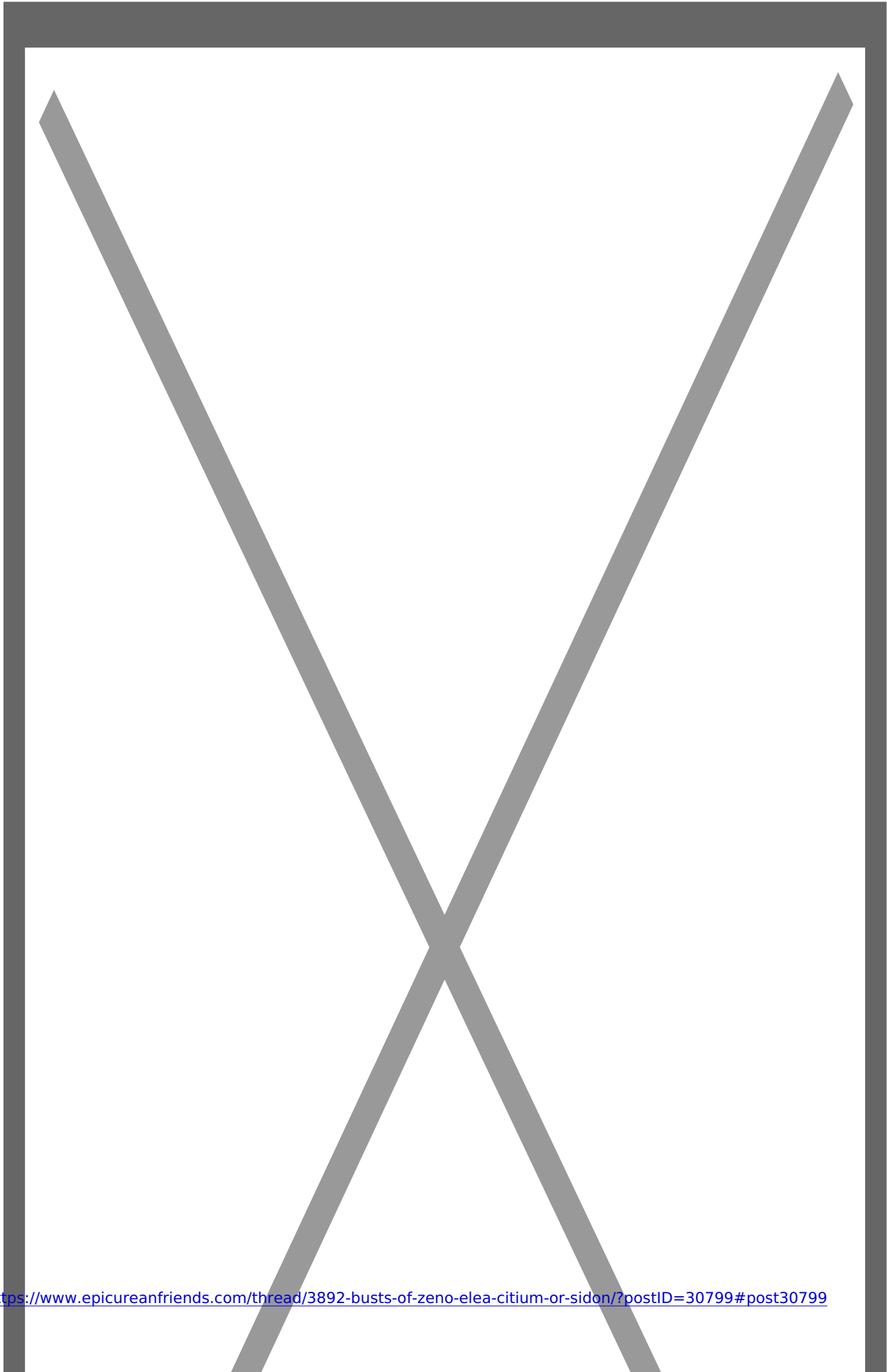


Busts of Zeno; Elea, Citium, or Sidon?

Post by “Cassius” of June 6, 2024 at 5:36 AM

To me this bust from Herculaneum

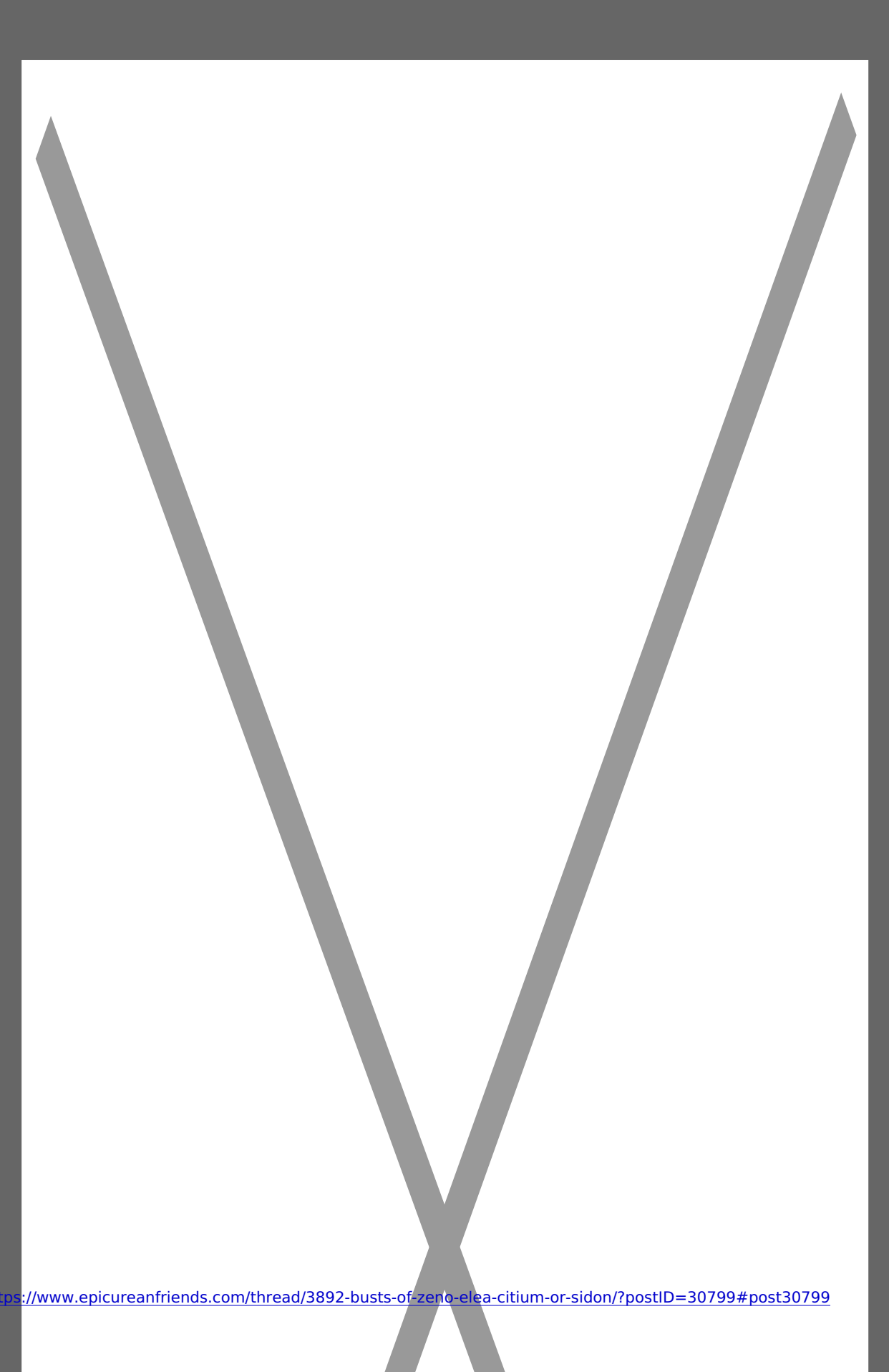
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looks much more like the "Epicurean style" of the busts of Epicurus and Metroorus and Hermarchus than the second photo, which appears to me to have a longer face:

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But my real reason for the post is to remark that what is it that supposedly "does not look Epicurean" about him? Are they alleging that just because he has a "serious" look he does not look Epicurean? Despite the desire in some quarters to see a "smiling" version of Epicurus, as they think better befits his philosophy, it seems to me the intensely earnest look is much more fitting to an Epicurean, so I don't think the "expression" is very persuasive in pointing to a Stoic model, if that is the point being made.