

# Episode 254 - The Skeptic Asks: Does Not Epicurus Undermine Religion As Much As Any Outright Atheist? - Cicero's OTNOTG 29

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Thanks for looking for that Don. The discussion in this podcast starts around the 12 minute mark but editing may not finish before tomorrow.

We did mention this one from Don's link - it is RELIGIO that Epicurus through underfoot.

[foede cum vita iaceret in terris oppressa gravi sub religione, quae caput a caeli regionibus ostendebat horribili super ... qua nam sit ratione atque alte terminus haerens. quare religio pedibus subiecta vicissim opteritur, nos exaequat victoria caelo.](#)

Maybe the most famous quote would be the one about the sacrifice of the king's daughter, and how such great evils religion can inspire, and that one's pretty clearly "religio" rather than superstitio, so it's questionable whether Lucretius makes a sharp distinction between the two words, even though translators seem to want to come to the aid of "religion"

Line 101 of book one: tantum religio potuit suadere malorum.