

Eclecticism -vs- Clear Knowledge of Epicurean Philosophy -vs- Forming an Individual & Personal Worldview

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Admin Note:

This post is copied from an earlier thread and the title has been renamed - it has been edited for brevity and to highlight the main question. For the full original post and earlier thread, you can read it [here](#).

To start with here is two definitions of [Eclecticism](#):

Quote

1. the practice of [deriving](#) ideas, style, or taste from a broad and diverse range of sources. "the eclecticism of his work consciously reflects his upbringing"
2. **PHILOSOPHY** the theories or methods of the ancient Eclectic [philosophers](#), who did not belong to or found any recognized school of thought but selected [doctrines](#) from various schools of thought. "there was a double movement going on, towards Eclecticism on the one side, and towards Scepticism on the other side"

Is it a problem for Epicurean Philosophy?

What is being spoken about with this question is this. **Is Epicurean philosophy lacking in any of it's 3 main parts - Physics, Canon and Ethics so that it needs to be supplemented with another philosophy or practice?**

Many people take bits and pieces of neo-Epicureanism - asceticism, "enjoying cheese", simple pleasures but ignore the entire corpus left behind and being spoke about today, missing the entire reason Epicurus spoke about pleasure to begin with.

Has eclecticism influenced your EP? Do you think it's beneficial, what do you think the dangers are?