

# Epicurean philosophy skewing toward elements of Stoicism in the time of Lucretius??

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Quote

Lucretius' list is:

1. cupīdinēs
2. timōrēs
3. superbia
4. spurcitia
5. petulantia
6. dēsīdia
7. lūxūs

DRN 5.44 onward:

But if the mind's not cleansed, what dubious battles  
Must we then stalk, and enter against our will!  
How sharp are the (1) **lusts** that tear a man in two  
And trouble his life! How many (2) **fears** will follow!  
What (3) **insolence**, (4) **filth**, and (5) **shamelessness**!  
How many Disasters they deal!  
What (6) **sloth** and (7) **debauchery**!

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I am seeing this as showing some evidence that later Epicureans were skewing toward elements of Stoicism (unless some Christian monks added it in 🤔). This list of vices gives abstractions not tied to specific actions or sensations of pain or pleasure, and also implies that one is seeking a kind of perfection by removal of vices.

Thoughts?