

□ as the symbol of the philosophy of Epicurus

Post by “Don” of May 9, 2025 at 12:01 PM

[Quote from Julia](#)

I think it is interesting there never was a symbol other than the bust, which I'm sure not just anyone could afford to own or put on display.

I don't know if any of the ancient philosophical schools had symbols as we think of them: Stoics, Academics, Peripatetics, Pythagoreans, Cyrenaics, and so on and so on. Maybe they had no need. If you wanted to be a student of a school, you knew where to go in your city. I believe all the schools though had statues and busts of their founders in prominent places. [Cassius](#) Correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't their reference to Epicureans in particular going around with Epicurus face on rings, cups, etc, as if it's an idiosyncrasy of the school?

[Quote from Cassius](#)

I am not sure there is much variation in the appearance of pigs(?)

That leaping posture in both of them seems too similar to be coincidence to me, but granted, that's only two data points.