

# What fears does modern science remove, as Epicurean physics did in antiquity?

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Modern science now has tools to better examine and correlate mental states with our feelings, using enhanced bio-feedback tools.

There is an interesting organization that is conducting rigorous research into the sphere of noetics. The Institute of Noetic Science (IONS) conducts scientific research into understanding the power of the human mind. They are also testing theories of how the human mind can gain extraordinary knowledge thorough ‘natural’ means (e.g. clairvoyance, esp), using scientific methods.

The term “Noetic” comes from the Greek word *noēsis/noētikos* that means **inner wisdom, direct knowing, intuition, or implicit understanding**.

*“At the [Institute of Noetic Sciences](#) (IONS), we are inspired by the power of science to explain phenomena not previously understood, harnessing the best of the rational mind to make advances that further our knowledge and enhance our human experience.*

***The mission of the Institute of Noetic Sciences is to reveal the interconnected nature of reality through scientific exploration and personal discovery.”***

I found some of their research articles helped understand what Epicurus taught to have mental focus (ebole).

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Hi, Patrikios,

Your post raises for me the question of whether we might find in Epicureanism something analogous to samadhi in the Indian traditions, perhaps with ἐπιβολή playing a role. Mental focus

is central part of vipassana, for instance. And those traditions report all manner of unusual states--whole catalogues of them. I notice that the Wikipedia article on the Institute of Noetic Sciences explicitly references samadhi.

A difficulty would lie in connecting non-materialist/dualist religious-philosophical systems with Epicurean materialism, but "difficult" doesn't mean "impossible." If deities can be composed of atoms, then presumably paranormal states with material explanations are possible as well.

Just speculating, for the fun of it!

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