

Sunday June 22 - Topic: Prolepsis

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To contrast Cicero's use of "belief" above (in Latin, "opinio"), we have:

"[Epíkouros] himself called *belief* 'the sacred illness.'"

(ὁ αὐτὸς [Ἐπίκουρος] τὴν οἴησιν "ἱερὰν νόσον" ἔλεγεν, Fragment 195 from the Florilegium Monacense)

Which seems to mean that *holding to opinions without evidence* is harmful -- even though those opinions are widely respected.