

# Lucian: The Double Indictment

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Hermes. Unanimous verdict for Pleasure.

*And the crowd goes wild!* 😄

At the risk of stating the obvious to everyone: Porch = Stoics (The "Stoics" held their teaching in the *Stoa Poikile*, the "Painted Porch" in Athens. Lucian's Greek text itself has Στοά Stoá )

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The question now before you is this: are men to live the lives of swine, wallowing in voluptuousness, with never a high or noble thought?

I had forgotten about this connection of Epicureans with pigs. So both Horace and Lucian make use of this. And Horace lived 65-8 BCE; Lucian 125 - after 180 CE... So that metaphor had/has some legs!

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