

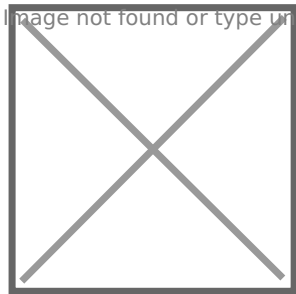
Sunday, December 21 - Zoom Meeting - 12:30 PM - Topic: Lucretius Book Review - Book One Starting Line 80

Post by "Patrikios" of December 21, 2025 at 5:11 PM

[Cassius](#) , In our Sunday discussion, there was mention of Epicurus and the Eleusinian Mysteries. Here is a link to the article where this was discussed.

[Metrodorus the Mystes](#)

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Second Commentary on Metrodorus of Lampsacus
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by Hiram Crespo.

Quote

In his *Epistle to Timarchus*, Metrodorus says:

Quote

"Let us respond to beauty with beauty: for, **by plunging, so to speak, into a communion of affection**, we have freed ourselves from earthly life to **rise to the mysteries of Epicurus**, a truly divine revelation." - as reported in *Against Colotes*, 1117

Hiram provides quite a few textual references and focuses on translations to bring out a better understanding of his references to the **Epicurean Mysteries** and concludes his article with this.

Quote

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I believe both Metrodorus and Epicurus, as well as their companions, were natural mystics. Like Carl Sagan and Neil DeGrasse, they derived blissful awe from the study and contemplation of nature. They were mystics in the Greek sense of the word *mystes* : they had been initiated into certain doctrines, which unified them and made them an inner group of like-minded co-religionaries.

Metrodorus' emphatic use of "truly" in his *Epistle to Timarchus* demonstrates that these mysteries were not a mere parody, but were considered an initiation into an accurate, scientific, natural cosmology that freed initiates from superstitious fears and errors. I conclude that the Epicurean Kathegemones—although they rejected supernatural claims—were, therefore, in their own way, no less than mystics, and that they in fact saw themselves as mystics according to the true prolepsis of the word.

This is a way that I feel Epicurus taught us to study nature to better understand her mysteries.