

# Lucian: Hermotimus, The Rival Philosophies

Post by “Joshua” of February 4, 2026 at 2:30 PM

Quote

Do you mean Lucian's view as elsewhere stated? Because I was taking the thrust of his position as you stated to be applicable to Epicurus' school as well as other ones.

I was primarily thinking of this other letter, which is the most relevant and accessible of Lucian's works that I've read. His expressed admiration for Epicurus in this letter may be a courtesy to his Epicurean correspondent, but I personally think Lucian found Epicureanism less exasperating than some of the other schools.

Letter to Celsus, Alexander the Oracle-Monger:

[Alexander, the Oracle-Monger, the False Prophet | Alexander \[The Lucian of Samosata Project\]](#)

That one is a fun read, I definitely recommend it!