

# Episode 321 - EATAQ 03 - The Epicurean Criticism of Socrates For Denouncing Natural Science

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Current Link to Cosmos Episode 7 - Backbone of the Night - Attacking the Socratic/Platonic abandonment of the study of Nature (mentioned in this episode of the podcast)

[Cassius](#) ,

Thanks for including this link to that 25 minute segment (~20:00- 45:00).

Sagan highlights Samos and the Ionian islands as sources of new ideas. The way he shows the sequence of thought is quite helpful, even after reading all of DeWitt's history of Epicurean ideas. If this reference to that Cosmos segment is not in the [recommended reading](#)/watching list, please consider adding it.

Sagan's summary of the Socratic-Platonic thoughts that support a “slave society” are very relevant today.

Thanks again to you and [Joshua](#) for a very informative podcast!