

Use Of The Term "Metaphysics" In Discussing Epicurus

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It's slippery, and I avoid using it altogether.

I've heard pretentious scientists use "metaphysics" as a slur to belittle the discipline of philosophy, and I've heard academics use "metaphysics" as a badge of honor to belittle physical science. Barnes & Noble uses the word to advertise something closer to "magic" or "alchemy".

Within an Epicurean context, the idea of anything "*after-physics*" seems unhelpful. After all, the Garden "supposes the study of nature provides the proper space for the voices of the facts."