

Klavan's "Gateway To Epicureanism" (Note: The Title Is Part Of A "Gateway" Series - The Author Himself Is Strongly Anti-Epicurean)

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I can always find Marcus (often 3-4 versions of Meditations) and Epictetus in any bookstore so far. If Epicurus is suppressed despite being capable of offering more utility to human life, and if it is because he is disagreeable to the popular world view, then surely Nietzsche must be more so. Unless, the only reason I can think of, Nietzsche is protected by being eccentric and unclear. I wonder if Nietzsche has been safe despite being many times more disagreeable to the popular world view, because his conclusions are not nearly as clear in his writings as Epicurus. If so, the conclusion would be that if you intend to write philosophy that is against the popular world view, it is better that implied with hidden meanings and not fully clear. Adding an obstacle of work in comprehension seems to be a safety net to keep only the readers willing to go deep enough, to gain a true understanding of the works meaning. Since Nietzsche seems so difficult to understand, I cannot imagine an equivalent work for "Gateway to Nietzsche" where someone slyly tried to simplify then undermine, most likely to gain status by strengthening the values of the popular world view to the current majority. But this is only my guess. It could also be that Nietzsche continues to stick around because the current intellectual / academia community likes to read him as a status symbol while not agreeing or understanding what he is saying.