

During the time of Epicurus, who could read well enough to study philosophy?

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I don't think that it would be correct to compare Epicurean communities with early Christian communities.

Wasn't one of Cicero's criticisms of Epicureans that they attracted women, slaves, and the common people? That's the same criticism levied against the early Christians.

One could study the philosophy without being able to read. Attending lectures, memorizing texts with a friend who could read or in a group where the texts were read aloud.