

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

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We do have two complete manuscripts, *Codex Oblongus* and *Codex Quadratus*, as well as the partial *Gottorpienses* -- all Carolingian and from the 800's.

Speaking of the Carolingian period, I recently learned how the Muslim scholars had translated a great deal of Greek writings into Latin (many who lived in Islamic Spain). I wonder why, other than that they abhorred Epicurean denial of life after death, they didn't translate Epicurus, too. Perhaps all of the loss occurred before the 800's to 1000 CE period. Anyway, it is a question that likely can't be answered