

Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

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I don't think that was true either. After all, I am positive he didn't just sit down one day and write out all his conclusions about nature, lol! He had so many observations that it would have been an extended process of observation and choosing each element. It would surely have been a dynamic, exciting process. People forget that had to have happened and see him as being static in his thought process. A person like him, who said to study nature always, would not have shut off his brain once he arrived at conclusions. Even while teaching a dogma, if new observations had conflicted with his model, he would have investigated further, not ignored it. It's possible to both have a dogma and continue to observe!

If his philosophy had been kept alive continuously, new observations could have been evaluated and either discarded or incorporated. Now we are playing catch up.

Sometimes I imagine Epicurus looking at the information we have now-- thrilled over some of it and quick to add it to his physics, and rolling his eyes where theories have far outstripped the observations. And how much fun it would be to sift through it all beside him.

We don't have him, but we have each other!