

Special Podcast Episode: Epicurus against the Stoics

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This is to start planning a special podcast episode devoted to the topic: Epicurus Against the Stoics.

Please post ideas for organization and topics to cover initial thoughts are:

1. Introduction of panelists
2. Basic issues on which Stoics and Epicureans disagree
 1. Physics / Nature of the Universe
 2. Epistemology
 3. Ethics
3. Examples where these arguments are featured:
 1. Frances Wright A Few Days in Athens, especially the debate between Epicurus and Zeno
 2. The letter of Cosma Raimondi
 3. The statements of Thomas Jefferson condemning Stoicism
 4. The statements of Frederick Nietzsche condemning Stoicism
4. Summary and conclusions
 1. Eclecticism / combination of the two is not the answer

Resources / references to use for the episode:

1. [A Comparison Chart: Stoic vs. Epicurean Philosophy](#)
- 2.