

# A foodie ponders Epicurus the epicurean

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I Still get the impression he is joking, but in this excerpt I think he is exactly correct in criticizing these "authorities":

either clearly distinguished Epicurus from lower-case epicureanism or just ignored the possibility. After recording 20 explicit denials, I gave up keeping a list, but to cite an influential student early in the century, Cyril Bailey claimed that the original Epicureans ate ‘nothing but bread as a rule with the occasional addition of a relish’. This for him was well ‘removed from the living of an “epicure”’. Epicurus ‘was no Epicurean sensualist’, John McDade explained in his [18-19] introduction to a more recent, gift-book version of Epicurus’ ‘Letter to Menoeceus’, retitled *Letter on Happiness*. ‘The use of the term “Epicurean” in the English language to mean “out-and-out hedonist” is, then, both unfortunate and mistaken.’<sup>4</sup>