

On Covid19 And Ruthlessly Taking The Measure Of Our Values (New York Times Article by Stephen Greenblatt)

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I agree Joshua. Some time ago there as a Facebook poster who was also in academia who took Greenblatt strongly to task over certain aspects of his book -- aspects which I can hardly remember but were some kind of criticism of his academic approach (I will see if I can find it but I think it was an argument that he was sensationalizing things improperly).

And I myself wish that the book were a lot more oriented toward Epicurus and a lot less oriented toward the inside baseball details of ancient church history.

But the bottom line is that I do think you are right. No matter what warts the book might have it hit a much wider audience than most, and I agree that Greenblatt's interpretations of Epicurus are significantly better than most, as illustrated by this article.