

# References to Epicurus' Attitude Toward The "Place of the Sciences And Liberal Arts"

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I'm glad you started this, [Cassius](#) . This has been a hang-up for me with regards to Epicurus' teachings.

On the one hand, one would think Epicurus would want to get the most accurate view of the universe - το πᾶν - available through the senses with regard to the "sciences."

On the other, I get the impression from some readings that once you get a "good enough" explanation of, say, meteorological phenomena (ex., *DRN* VI:96-160, different possible causes of thunder), you accept one and move on. That part makes it sound like Epicurus or Lucretius were not advocates of any kind of deep "research" for lack of a better word right now.

I find it hard to reconcile these two so I'm looking forward to more in this thread.