

Where Is Epicurus In The "School of Athens"?

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I don't think the bust of Epicurus preserved in the Capitoline Museums in Rome and other busts scattered throughout south Europe have ever disappeared.

Obviously when Raphael painted the School of Athens there were no cameras, and very few people knew Greek to be able to read the name of Epicurus on his bust.

But above all for Raphael it was not important that the appearance of Epicurus was real, the figure he painted had to embody the (wrong) idea that at the time there was of Epicurus.