

Herculaneum documentary

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Fascinating British documentary on Herculaneum. No mention of Epicureans, but a fascinating look at everyday life in the ancient Roman town that was once home to Philodemus.

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It is very interesting to think about how much of what we are seeing is Epicurean-influenced whether we realize it or not.

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Note: So, Philodemus may or may not have actually lived in Herculaneum (instead possibly having a residence in Naples), but we know his works were written in Herculaneum without a doubt. Fairly comprehensive bio at <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/philodemus/#NapHerVilPap>

Post by “Cassius” of July 26, 2021 at 5:10 PM

So the real connection is maybe not so much Philodemus but Caesar's father-in-law, right? I would think he would be productive to research himself and not just passed over as "the father-in-law". Presumably that means Caesar's wife was well raised herself. I bet there is more than a little we could have fun assembling on that family, all the way down to the contention that Caesar himself was to some degree Epicurean (as Cicero accused him of being due to his opposition to the death penalty in the Catalina affair)