

# Romantic Materialism, Materialist Romanticism

Post by “Mathitis Kipouros” of October 31, 2021 at 10:10 AM

I was searching in the forum for threads regarding romanticism but didn't find much. At the time of this post there were only 3 entries that addressed romanticism but none directly. Of these, by the way, the one about German Idealism I found particularly interesting:

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[RE: Comparing Epicurus to German Idealism](#)

## German idealism

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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The four principal German idealists: [Immanuel Kant](#) (upper left), [Johann Gottlieb Fichte](#) (upper right), [Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph Schelling](#) (lower left), [Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel](#) (lower right)

**German idealism** was a [philosophical movement](#) that emerged in [Germany](#) in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. It developed out of the work of [Immanuel Kant](#) in the 1780s and 1790s,<sup>[1]</sup> and was closely linked both with [Romanticism](#) and the revolutionary...



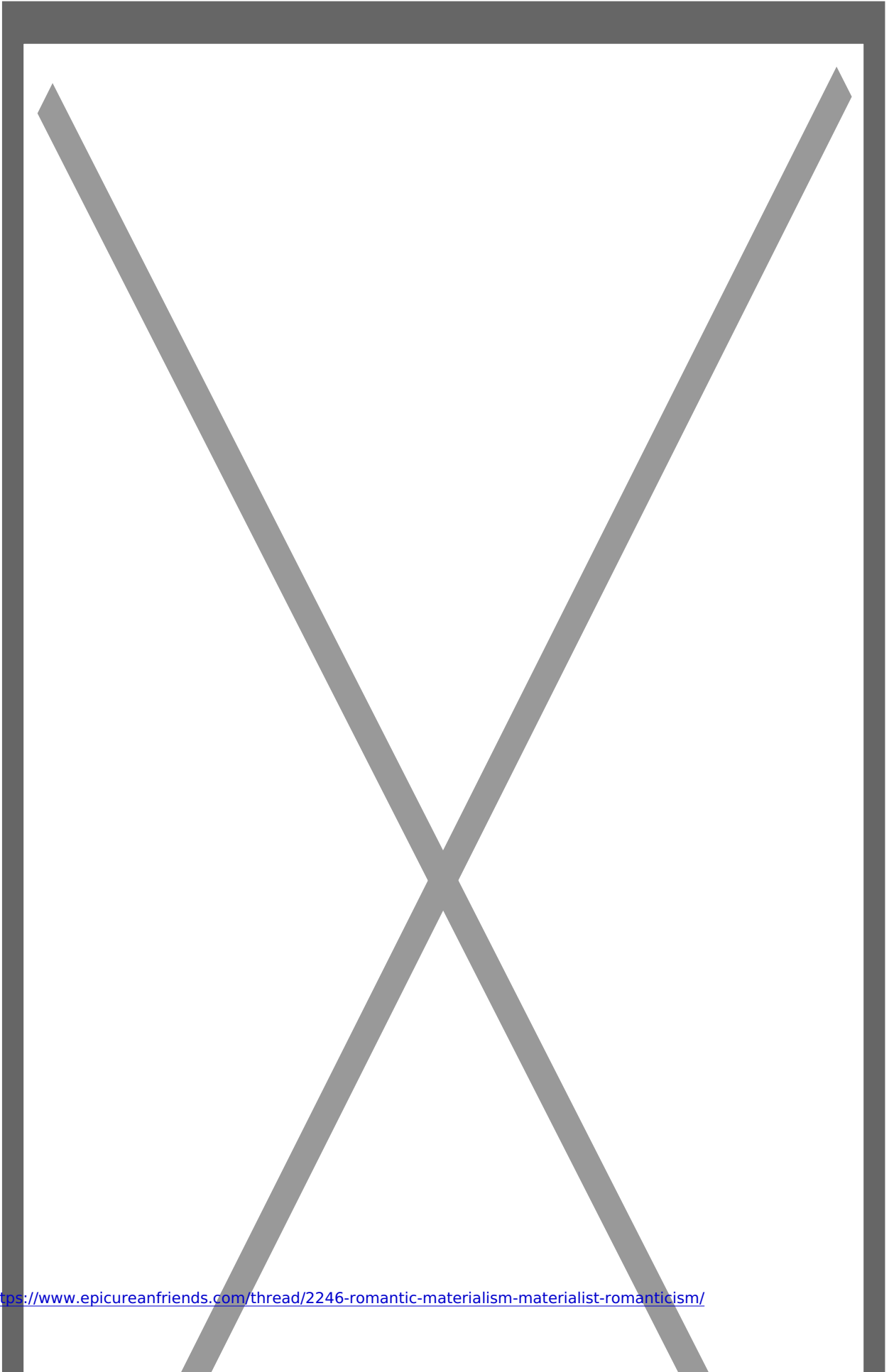
Cassius

September 21, 2021 at 7:54 AM

Returning to topic, What are your thoughts, as an Epicurean, on Romanticism?

By the way, searching on the internet about this I found this book "Sweet Science" which, as the name would suggest, focuses partially on Lucretius DRN.

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## [Sweet Science](#)

Today we do not expect poems to carry scientifically valid information. But it was not always so. In Sweet Science, Amanda Jo Goldstein returns to the...  
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Also, do you think Romanticism usually deals with, and has as a motivation for, what could, for a person, be "ideal", i.e. "ideal" world, "ideal" x? If so... what's the difference between romanticism and idealism?

Would you think that Epicurean Philosophy is somewhat romantic in that it adds the element of pleasure (particularly mental) to its materialism (thus making it about personal experience, self consciousness and inner understanding)?

EDIT: Sorry about the font size, I'm in my cell phone and don't know what happened.

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### **Post by “Cassius” of October 31, 2021 at 12:04 PM**

Camotero even though this might be obvious, I think it would help the discussion if you would give a definition for romanticism, either in your own words as you have it in your mind, or in the form of a link to a definition.

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### **Post by “Mathitis Kipouros” of October 31, 2021 at 12:34 PM**

Well I guess it's not obvious at all as I'm struggling to give a definition. I'm trying to find an answer in etymological and historical definitions:

"Appealing deeeeply to the imagination"

"Invoking a powerfully sentimental idea of life"

"Emphasizing of emotion and of a glorification of nature"

"Relating to quests"

"Implying An obsession or attachment to something"

"Seeking what's aesthetically pleasing"

"Providing Aesthetic experience based on emotion"

"Reactionary to the rationalization of nature"

In an artistic context: "The nature of Romanticism may be approached from the primary importance of the free expression of the feelings of the artist."