

Renderings of Epicurean Philosophers by Genevra Catalano (2022-2023)

Post by "Eikadistes" of November 16, 2023 at 10:30 AM



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Metrodorus Hermarchus



Philodemus Lucretius

I'll upload these to the gallery, too. These are my wife's interpretations of the characters about which I have been telling her. Among other points, she maintains that all of the Greek men would have had much less manicured hair than depicted in statues, and the same for their beards, except Philodemus, in particular, whom she demands was a particularly attractive man, being a foreigner who made friends with Roman aristocrats. She also made some slight alterations based on common features found in those families that have traditionally inhabited Mytilene, versus Northern Turkey, versus ancient Syria, versus ancient Roman, and then cross-referenced with the available busts that we have. She made a lot of artistic choices to try to incorporate their personalities or dispositions, so I hope you find them to be entertaining and provocative. Cheers!

Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 10:42 AM

[Quote from Nate](#)

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They're a little too big for the gallery, but let me know if you cannot access them here.

Post by “Cassius” of November 16, 2023 at 10:59 AM

Do I detect that that Lucretius looks a little like Nate? 😊

Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 11:54 AM

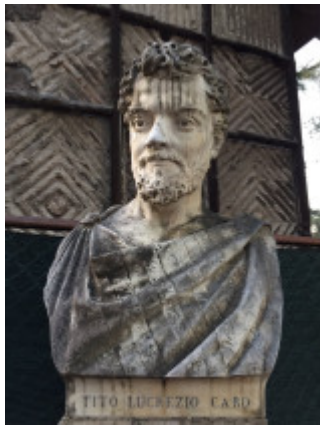
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I'll take that as a holy compliment! (but I don't think so) 😜 ... I can't grow a beard like that 😭

Lucretius rendering comes from the following bust around the Villa Borghese in Roma:



Post by “Pacatus” of November 16, 2023 at 12:30 PM

At last, a rendering of Epicurus that shows wry good humor (and a twinkle in the eyes)! Bravo!



Post by “Cassius” of November 16, 2023 at 1:01 PM

Pacatus I gather you are referring to those first two and yes!

Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 2:06 PM

I appreciate that, tremendously, and will happily forward those accolades to Gen. Thanks, [Pacatus](#).

I feel like she fills the gap of a good image of Lucretius we have all been lacking.

In particular, I stare in the eyes of Epicurus (rendered from *my personal photograph of a Vatican bust of Epicurus* when I was there in 2010, totally prior to my acceptance of Epicurus as my guide and Hegemon) and find a sense of confidence and comfort and peace and inspiration, which I imagine my friends of Christ see in their Savior.

Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 2:07 PM

So, I'm just saying, my wife is a Queen and an enigma and I love everything she does.

In *particular*, the portraits of Epicurus really fill me with a unique, personal emotion.

Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 2:10 PM

I also invoke the name of [Elli](#) with a request for a frank critique of my wife's insistence (who is predominately Italian, Sicilian, and Lebanese in her background) on giving the men brow, beard, and hair structures (geographic phenotypes) that are meant to compliment of Greek friends and the physical affectations of Mediterranean peoples, as opposed to the heavily stylized, and somewhat, technologically limited expressions of hair as depicted by Romans.

(I made my own rendering of Epicurus, and he looked a bit like Saint Nick, blue eyes and all, per Gen 😊).

Post by “Don” of November 16, 2023 at 4:51 PM

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Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 5:50 PM

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Amazon needed a recent image, and I know I'm a tad anti-social, despite my background, explicitly, in performance art, and shameless self-promotion, and I'm a bizarre bit of juxtaposition between being a studio musician and public performer and a reclusive and predictably confrontational manic-depressive, but, for now, I'm proud to submit the First Edition of the HEDONICON I'll share very soon, perhaps November Eikas, if Amazon works, with extensive commentary to which I will contribute to the post that justifies what I've been up to ... but anyway, Cheers, friends.



Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 5:57 PM

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As always [Don](#) I am particularly encouraged by the confidence you have shown in me and my flippant contributions, and, very soon, I mean to have a conversation with you about either (a) contributing to the "Twentiers' Version' of the Second Edition of the soon-to-be-released Hedonicon, or (b) helping with what I am sure [Cassius](#) will consider as being the the First Version of the Hedonicon (which will require dedicated translators) for EpicureanFriends.com, and/or (c) seeding an entirely unique publication from which we can all benefit. I mean to be a "Marcion" for our cause.

Post by “Eikadistes” of November 16, 2023 at 5:58 PM

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I didn't actually answer your question: PLEASE represent the rendered Epicurus as my wife has shared with me. Personally, I have spent some time staring at these images over a few beers and our notes, and wondered what our guy, here, would have told me in my times of troubles. Maybe "Let it be". He, at least, would have liked 'Abbey Road'. 😊

Post by “Bryan” of November 16, 2023 at 7:09 PM

I heartily thank you, Nate, and your wife - these are the best life-like versions of the group I have ever seen.

Post by “Bryan” of November 18, 2023 at 5:34 PM

I am loving these more every day. They look even better printed. Thank you so much!