

Epicurean Aspects of The Cataline Conspiracy And "Megalopolis"?

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It looks like courtesy of [Francis Ford Coppola's Megalopolis](#) the world is about to get a reminder of the Cataline Conspiracy.

I don't know that we have any direct references to anyone accusing Cataline of being an Epicurean, but anyone who is accused of being a reprobate by Cicero is a candidate for looking into their background. At present the closest connection I can think of so far is that, in opposing the Death Penalty for some of the Catalinian Conspirators, Cicero accused Julius Caesar of showing Epicurean tendencies. We'll have to see if any hint of that sidelight shows up in the movie.

And we'll also need to be careful in discussing divisive politics to the extent that modern political issues are really the point of the movie.

But I thought I would post this as a place to comment since we might find that renewed discussions of Cataline afford an opportunity to talk to others about Epicurus.

Quote

What's *Megalopolis* about?

Megalopolis stars Adam Driver as Cesar Catilina, a visionary architect who wants to build a utopian version of the sci-fi version of New York that's on the brink of collapse, à la the Roman Empire.

However, Catilina is facing resistance from the corrupt Mayor Franklyn Cicero (Giancarlo Esposito), who is less into creating a sustainable future and instead wants to pave paradise with a parking lot — or, in this case, a casino. The mayor's daughter Julia (Nathalie Emmanuel) complicates matters by falling for Catilina and struggling with her own alliances.