

Paul's Sermon on Mar's Hill

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Epicurean Philosophers Taught:

- Pleasure is the highest end in living**
- Matter is eternal**
- Soul is not immortal**
- No future retribution, after death**
- That the gods didn't exercise any providential control over human affairs**



Stoic Philosophers Taught:

- The world was created by Zeus**
- Self-denial was thought to contribute to the highest end in life**
- That the soul would exist only until the destruction of the universe**



Considered Paul a “Seed Picker”

- **The term “seed picker” was applied to:**
 - **Poor people who after a harvest would collect the seeds that were left in the fields**
 - **To men who hung around the shops and the markets, picking up scraps which fell from the loads of food, and living off them**
 - **To a little bird who hopped here and there picking up the scattered kernels of grain**
 - **Men who picked up scraps of information here and there and then tried to palm them off as their own**



Sermon

- Paul began by complimenting them - they were religious (17:22)**
- He then preached the true and living God to them (17:23-31)**



The True God

- **Creator of all (17:24-26)**
 - **We are the created – we are to serve the Creator**
- **Within reach of all (27-29)**
 - **We are to seek Him**
 - **It's in Him that we live, move and have our being**



The True God

- **Gives salvation to all who accept it (30-31)**
 - **We'll be judged based on our response to Him**
 - **God overlooked ignorance in times past but NOW commands all men to repent**