

"A Socio-Psychological and Semiotic Analysis of Epicurus' Portrait" by Bernard Frischer

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Onenski I looked for a specific thread on the cultishness question and could not find one.

Maybe this one is closest: [DeWitt's "Organization And Procedure In Epicurean Groups"](#)

I see I did a graphic long ago:

It would be fine if you would like to start another one directly on point. It would probably be worthwhile to do so because this is another area where the criticism is easy to make and is superficially persuasive, but which I think there are many good answers in response.

Does one generally see one's father as being "authoritarian" when he gives "orders" to a child? At what age or mental capacity do we see orders to a child being improper? Is it proper to tell a dying person that they are dying when maybe there is a possibility that they will recover if they fight hard enough? There are lots of related questions as to when things are proper and when they are not, and it's as easy I think for a partisan against Epicurus to attack him as it is for a

partisan for Epicurus to defend him. Probably the only way to proceed is to line up the possibilities openly and let each person decide for himself, and they will probably make their decision based on their general impression of Epicurus rather than on any one single factor.