

Pros and Cons Of Considering Epicurean Philosophy To Be A "Religion"

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"The IRS determines that an organization meets religious purpose based on two main guidelines:

- That the particular religious beliefs of the organization are truly and sincerely held.
- That the practices and rituals associated with the organization's religious belief or creed aren't illegal or contrary to clearly defined public charity"

As Cassius already pointed out there are legal protections and incentives to being considered a religion in the united states. Even more for being a "church". But these are things whose utility is not yet necessary, but something I've pondered on occasion, usually after watching something about Scientology and all the shenanigans they get away with because of there religious status.

Secondly as Cassius also already pointed out, any discussion of Epicureanism as a religion requires a high level of understanding of Epicureanism and alot of redefining of terms as there understood today in order to align with Epicureanism. Which at the moment I find distracts more from study then it currently provides utility. That's not to say that at some point that might change, so I'll reserve the right to revisit the topic at a later date.