

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

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So, Peter, in this "Epicurean 'church'" you seem to espouse -

Would those who disagree with any of its tenets/creeds/commandments be told to simply "get in line, or get out?" Would that be a free choice, or come with threats - à la the Catholic Inquisition?

How authoritarian (totalitarian) would the kind of leadership hierarchy you seem to propose be?

Would there be some kind of incentivized informant network to identify heretics?

My eldest son identifies as a (neo-) Stoic: Would I need to shun him? Denounce him?

I have dear friends who identify as (liberal) Christians - do I need to mock/shun/denounce them?

You seem to think that people should be willing to sacrifice their lives for the prescribed "Epicurean" principles. Is that not just another demand for absolute allegiance to an idealism?

And what price personal integrity?

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I personally doubt that what would survive under your program (as outlined here) would be "Epicurean" except in name only, since I think that this philosophy is - at core - anti-idealist. And anti-totalitarian.