

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

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[Quote from Godfrey](#)

you do a better job of clarifying isonomy than DeWitt does

i am not sure "clarifying" is the right word, because i am just speculating too. But like DeWitt generally does, i think we should look for ways to reconcile apparent inconsistencies by going back to the more basic fundamentals and working forward again to see if there is a logical way to fit all the pieces together. I think that it's generally possible to think we can retrace Epicurus' own steps by doing so. DeWitt generally seems to do that except....

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Perhaps DeWitt's conclusions were colored by his interest in Christianity....

Yes this may be the problem. However I don't think we've ever really pinned down that DeWitt himself was a strong Christian. We know for sure that he had a personal interest in the linkage, but interestingly to me i've never (or very rarely) seen him cross the line into outright endorsement of Christianity as the superior system. Most Christian or religious writers (even the "humanist" writers) are to my observation much more overt in specifically endorsing or denouncing particular moral theories of Epicurus. I have to admit that your suggest there Godfrey is the most likely one, but even at this point in reading him over and over I am not convinced I know exactly what DeWitt truly believed himself.