

# Circumstantial (Indirect) and Direct Evidence / Dogmatism vs Skepticism

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Also don't forget the inherent ridiculousness of trying to reason with someone who rejects evidence-based reasoning. They are speaking nonsense and once they start down that road Lucretius says the ultimate response is not to engage with them further:

*Against him then I will refrain from joining issue, who plants himself with his head in the place of his feet.*

In both the question of knowledge and of determinism you can point out to the other person that their position is self-contradictory, but ultimately in most cases they won't care about self-contradiction since they don't care about evidence.