

Tactical Question for the Group Re Terminology In Discussing Reason and Logic

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[Cassius](#) this is sad to me to hear, because Epicurus was cutting edge in his day and I do not think he would want to exclude intelligent scientists from his Garden. It is one thing if they exclude themselves but another to repel them by being unwilling to see that physics can be safely updated without injury to the philosophy.

Interestingly, in this case, your quoted passage advises limiting reason and rules, which is the position I have taken, while you are arguing to stick rigidly with rule-like models. I am more like the ploughwoman here who says pay more attention to reality.

If no one had ever made any further observations, then it would be understandable to take your position. However, observations have been made and are part of the popular press-- some of these observations have even been incorporated into technology which we use. And lay people, your ploughmen, read about these things! It is a disservice to tell them newer models endanger EP, when it isn't true. That leaves them in a confusing position where they could feel threatened unnecessarily by emerging observations. They would have to stick their heads in the sand like ostriches trying to block out the world which is moving on past them.

I think I have exhausted my efforts to change your mind and that this will be my last comment on the subject. If you ever decide to reconsider, I think there's enough here between me and Elli that you can come back to it.