

Epicureanism and cult-like mentality?

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And just the opposite - it would be absurd to argue that the man who more than anyone else taught that authority should be challenged, and that nothing should be accepted that cannot be grounded in the evidence of the senses, was attempting to set up an organization of mind-numbed robots and to intimidate them into unquestioning belief in following his whims (which I think is a fair meaning of the word cult as we use it today).

[Cassius](#), you're completely right, and that's why I was so confused about this- DeWitt describes Epicurus as a rebel, and a person who won't accept certain dogmas just because society says so. And thus it didn't really made sense to me why Epicurus seemed to try and to separate his students from the outside world (which still seems to me like he was at least attempting to do).