

Epicureanism and cult-like mentality?

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Quote

It would not have been safe for him or for his students, to teach in public.

That's a very good point- but was it safe for him to teach it in private? Wouldn't it even be the wisest, from a point of pleasure, to withdraw completely and to stop teaching anyone, because the pleasure you gain from teaching doesn't justify the pain of having fear to be wounded and hated?

(although I also must admit that it's our point of view, and if it would've been truly that difficult, then Epicurus wouldn't have reached- it was probably his decision and his individual valuation of pain/pleasure)