

# Epicureanism and cult-like mentality?

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- it was probably his decision and his individual valuation of pain/pleasure)

Right. I think that's the answer right there.

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, because the pleasure you gain from teaching doesn't justify the pain of having fear to be wounded and hated

And there's the problem that caused the question - likely some pains so clearly outweigh the pleasures involved that we can be confident in predicting what most everyone would choose, but we generally need to go slow in making that judgement for other people because circumstances can be very complex or just unknown to us, and how people calculate their pleasures and pains varies widely.