

# Epicureans On Kingship

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Quote

Elli: If you were asked to justify what form of government you think Epicurus would approve of, what would you say, and what would you cite in support of it?

I can give my take on this, except in the negative;

Epicurean philosophy does not to me seem compatible with a state that does not allow for the freedom of ἀρεσις--that is, hairesis, as in heresy, or the freedom to choose. Constitutional monarchy, parliamentary democracy, direct democracy, social democracy, republic--there are many forms of government that are capable of meeting this very simple requirement. There are also many other forms which are likely to fail this test.