

Questions Re PD 26 - PD30 From the 10/5/22 Zoom

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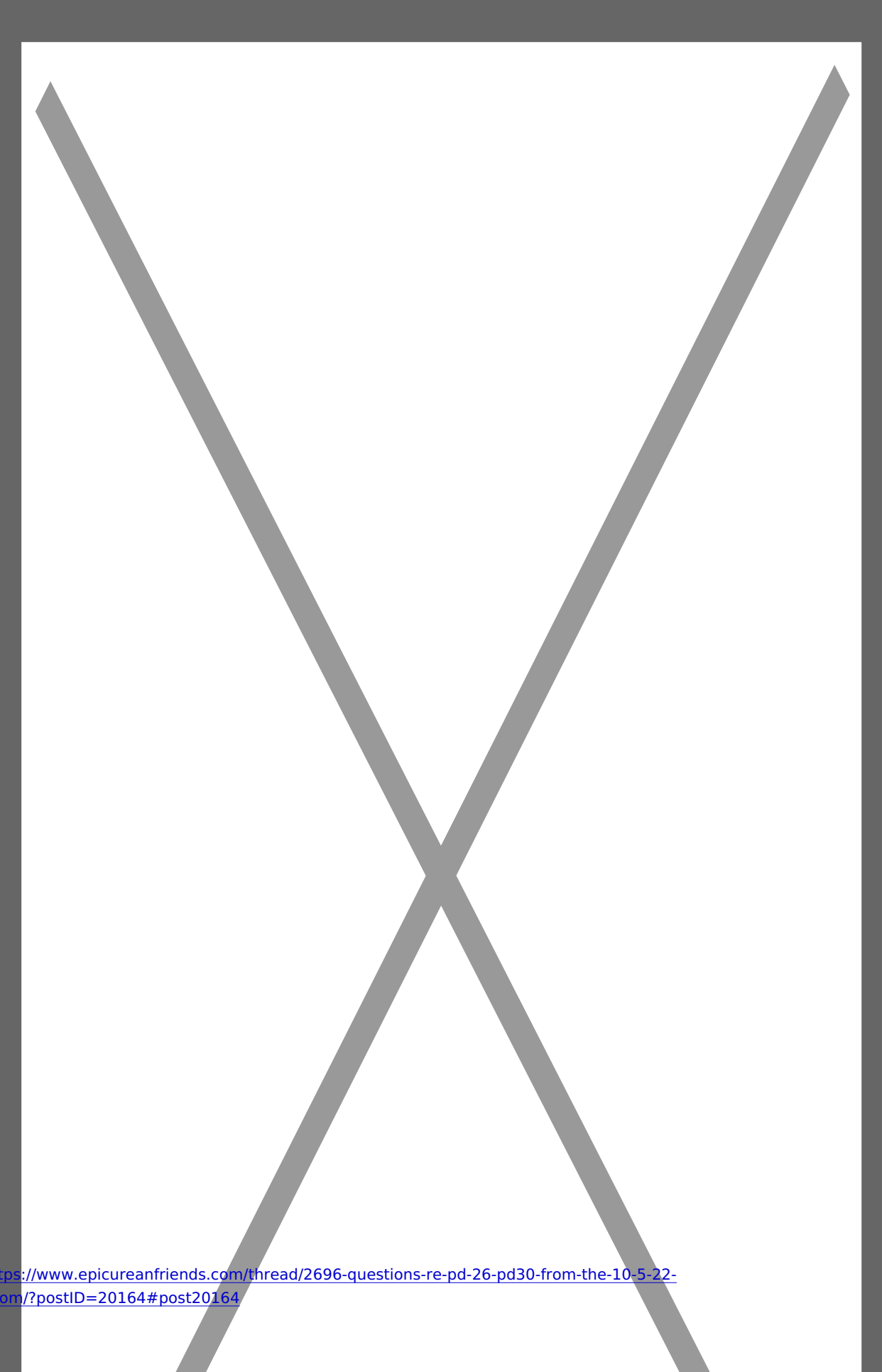
We know they were referred to as "Authorized"

I wouldn't put too much stress on that one word. What they are called are the κυριαι δοξαι kyriai doxai.

The doxai are beliefs, doctrines, opinions, etc. This is where English gets the -dox in words like orthodox "correct/right beliefs".

Kyriai is related to the the Kyrie (vocative case of kyrios) in the Christian prayer "Kyrie, eleison" "Lord, have mercy"

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[Kyrie - Wikipedia](#)

en.wikipedia.org

The kyriai has connection to kyrios "lord, master, sir, the big kahuna, etc." So, these beliefs, doctrines, opinions are, in one sense, the *important* ones, the master doctrines, the important beliefs, the ones you're going to hold if you're an Epicurean.

Here's the definition of kyrios

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, κύριος](#)

You'll see words like power, ordained, authority/authorized/authoritative, supreme, sovereign, principal, valid, proper, etc... All are equally correct and all bring their own English baggage with them. That's why some academics simply use KD (Kyriai Doxai) to refer to them.

That's why you have SO many variations on the title of that work, which remember was NOT originally written as a numbered list!