

Episode One Hundred Forty-Seven - "Epicurus And His Philosophy" Part 03 - True Opinions And False Opinions About Epicurus

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On the "dogmatic" discussion, this goes back in part to Diogenes Laertius' characteristics of the sage:

[Epicurean Sage - Declare their beliefs and not remain in doubt](#)

Hicks: He will be a dogmatist but not a mere sceptic; Yonge: he will pronounce dogmas, and will express no doubts; Mensch: He will assert his opinions and will...
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The two key words are:

Epicureans will δογματιεῖν and not ἀπορήσειν.

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[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, δ , δμω-ή , δογμα^τ-ίζω](#)

ἀπορήσειν aporēsein

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

So, my perspective has always been (similar to what [Cassius](#) was saying) that the Epicurean sage (or Epicureans in general) would take a position and lay down an opinion (δογματιεῖν) and will not remain puzzled or "skeptical" of everything (ἀπορήσειν)