

"A Socio-Psychological and Semiotic Analysis of Epicurus' Portrait" by Bernard Frischer

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It would be good for you to read Bernard Frischer's book and look at his examples of the artwork and his theories about how they were used.

Your reaction to "hero worship" is very common, but ultimately I think that the concern is unjustified. Epicurean philosophy teaches you to question authority and demand answers based on evidence, and it doesn't lead in the direction of general cultism for anyone who thinks about it.

The issue of how to deal with younger and less "educated" people may be difficult, but the ultimate point is as in

VS32. The veneration of the wise man is a great blessing to those who venerate him.

Once you strip away the word choice issues (is "veneration" really the best English word?) you come back to an obvious point - that people learn by watching more experienced and wiser people and paying respect to them benefits the observer as much or more than the observed.