

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

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I think this can be related to the opinion in some scholars about the Garden as a sectarian and authoritarian place. One example is Martha Nussbaum's *Therapy of desire*, but it's not the only one (I've been reading a paper on Basic Education in Epicureanism and it's the same).

Their idea is that Epicurus was a kind of megalomaniac, because of those statues, rings and portraits; or the celebrations every month; or because of the paternalistic practices, described supposedly by Philodemus.

I haven't read Philodemus, and I don't know why I think Nussbaum and other people take what he says to argue that Epicurus was egotistical.

By the way, is there a thread with a discussion about this "authoritarian" objection to Epicurus?