

Welcome ResponsiblyFree!

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I am hoping you can trust your community to maturely self-control to the extent of being able to discuss what writings of Epicurus would support

Yes I think we are able to handle it -- and just to be clear, I personally think that everyone should take a personal interest in and even to a degree engage in contemporary politics, given how much it affects our daily lives. The issue for the forum is mainly practical -- we have a huge job to do to help reconstruct and resurrect the key points about our place in the universe, and issues of politics are so divisive that we set up the forum with the idea - and have continued it over time - that the bigger issues have to come first, and if we get individually divided on modern politics we'll never succeed in dealing with the more "transcendent" issues. There are too few of us as it is to risk division on subjects that aren't absolutely necessary to the understanding of the key doctrines. Understanding them is hard enough -- applying them to politics needs to be more individual if we are to achieve our mission.

I am not sure I can promise to be able to attend these specific meetings but if I can I will and I would encourage anyone here on the forum who is interested to do the same. I had better state the caveat that I have read enough to be comfortable with how you would present Epicurus yourself, but the part of the presentation from a "conservative, christian" viewpoint I couldn't recommend unless someone were specifically interested in pursuing debates about that. But I don't mean that too negatively - it's just a matter of budgeting time. Some of my best thoughts about Epicurus come when I am hearing someone with whom I disagree.