

Who are your Persians?

Post by “Matt” of February 22, 2019 at 3:19 PM

Hi Oscar!

It's a pleasure to speak with you.

I have not heard of Michael Huemer, but I will certainly take a look at his work. Thank you for recommending it.

I'm sure you picked up on it, but my use of the term *Persian* is not an ethnically centered concept within this group, but rather one used by a few Epicureans here to denote someone who is an antagonist of the Epicurean philosophy or Hellenism in general. Obviously this idealism harkens back to the Ancient Greek and Persian conflict that no one alive today has any stake in, but it's used as a perjorative by Epicureans who consider the ancient Persians the archetypal monolithic enemy of Hellas and can be applied to any number of modern antagonists today.

I personally don't use the term in this specific context outside of this group, simply because it has no particular significance to anyone other than 300 movie fans. 😊

Matt