

# Please, no dogmatism, no absolute truths

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"Principle that is accepted as true or just, without critical examination or discussion: proclaim a dogma

This form of "dogma" would be absolutely unacceptable to all of us, I am sure!

Michele you will see that Frances Wright does a very good job of campaigning against just this type of dogma. I recall she has Epicurus criticize the Pythagoreans on exactly this point.

I also think that one day when I am able to prevail on you to read the Norman DeWitt book that you will find that you agree with his take on it too.

The germ of an issue with which we do wrestle, of course, is the position taken by Pyrrho and the Skeptics that *\*nothing\** is in fact "true," or the position by Cicero that all things are "merely probable."

Have you read the remaining fragments of Philodemus' "On Methods of Inference" as translated by DeLacy? There is an EXCELLENT explanatory essay by DeLacy at the end of that book about how Epicurus differed from Plato and Aristotle on the issue of what truth is and what things we should be confident of and which we should not.

For the moment we will just proceed "dogmatically" taking the position that you are not taking sides with *those "....trifler[s], who pervert all things, and like a tumbler with his head prone to the earth, can go no otherwise than backwards."* 😊