

# Episode 207 - Cicero's On Ends - Book Two - Part 15 - Does Epicurean Philosophy Lead to Injustice?

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A simple argument in favour of virtue or fear of gods is that of efficacy. I think most would agree that it takes time and effort to build a proper appreciation of the Epicurean philosophy, particularly when it comes to the role of virtue, law and order as a covenant between people. If the wellbeing of the whole society (and individuals) depends on how well individuals understand and accept the covenant, isn't it easier to have the majority believe in a simple fairy tale (punishment after death and the all seeing eye of god)?

One could argue that knowledge itself is part of wellbeing, but then it's a bit more complex than the red pill vs. blue pill of the Matrix: as individuals some may choose the truth, while others would prefer comfortable ignorance. But what has better efficacy for the society as a whole? Put it simply: is it easier to convince people in absolute natural virtue (in whatever form) or teach them the nature of randomness, pleasure as a goal and the need for a collaborative outcome for pleasure?

I am playing here the devil's advocate, please be gentle 😊