

Epicurean Views On Hierarchy In Social Structures

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Ancient Epicureanism is not a political philosophy and as far as we can tell Epicurus doesn't seem to have written a single major work about government, politics and the like. The Epicureans also never mounted a serious polemic effort against Christianity because by the time Christianity was ascendant Epicureanism was not even on the radar as a competitor anymore.

There's a principal doctrine on the benefits of proper government. Even without the lost work on kingship this points to a discussion within the Epicurean community about the proper place of government. KYRIA DOXA 6: In order that men might not fear one another, there was a natural benefit to be had from government and kingship, provided that they are able to bring about this result.

Lucian's ***The Death of Peregrinus***, may not be as direct an attack on christianity as Celsus ***True word***, but is still an attack on the character and dogma of the early christian cults.