

What Epicurus Offers To The Modern World As Of April, 2024?

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The word specifically used by Philodemus is *πειθαρχησομεν* and translator of "On Frank Criticism" translates it as "obey (one in authority)" which is in line with the LSJ definition. However, the word is related directly to:

πείθω

to convince, persuade

to succeed through entreaty

(mediopassive, *πείθομαι*, and Epic future, *πίθησω*, with dative)

to obey, yield

to believe, trust

(second perfect active, *πέποιθα*, with passive sense) to trust, rely on (with dative of person or thing)

(perfect passive, *πέπεισμαι*, post-Epic) to believe, trust (with dative)

Which, I believe, adds necessary nuance to that "obey" and gets closer to being convinced there is a reason to trust, believe, rely on the person or school or "authority" (*αρχή*) by which one chooses to live one's life.