

Epicureanism and Scientism: What are the main differences?

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We are convinced that Epicurus' philosophy is probably the most realistic approach to life and the one most closely orientated to human needs.

As we know, it allows for numerous interpretations, but conversely also assumes generalities and generalisations.

Epicurus' philosophy is very strongly orientated towards the correct perception and interpretation of our environment and derives the guidelines of ethics from this: Could we also speak of Scientism here? Where do we draw the dividing line? Is the main difference that scientist-scientists use science as a rhetorical tool to realise their goals, as it has become common in debates to underpin everything 'scientifically' with research and statistics?

Ultimately, at first glance, Scientism does not seem so far removed from Epicurus' way of thinking of deducing everything from nature and observations. But do scientist-scientists simply lack the right telos and overall understanding of human existence?

What do you think?

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