

Updated FAQ Entry: Why Should I Care About Epicurean Physics When So Much Science Has Changed In The Last 2000 Years?

Post by "Cassius" of June 17, 2026 at 6:38 PM

[Quote from Todd](#)

To deny free will is a performative contradiction.

Excellent pithy phrasing.

I suspect the Epicurus would say the same formula applies here also:

To deny the possibility of knowledge is a performative contradiction.

The self-refutation argument seems to have been a major tool in Epicurus' toolchest..

Also: similarly in both contexts, there is a reasonable position based on circumstances and not "all or nothing" on either side.

Not everything is in our control, but at the same time not everything is *beyond* our control.

Not everything is knowable, but at the same time some things *are* knowable.