

# Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

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And the reason, of course, that I say one can have dogma but still make observations and be willing to adjust the dogma is that dogma is only in service of pleasure!

So if using the new information leads to technology that enhances pleasure, such as us being able to communicate from far away as we are doing now, then it needs to be included in the dogma.

If new information causes prior dogma to conflict with reality as is currently understood, allowing opponents to accuse us of inaccuracies, then this can result in people doubting the whole philosophy, if parts that needed updating were not updated. And this will result in loss of pleasure for them.

Incorporating new observations does not conflict with the philosophy-- it's required, really, by the Canon, to know what is true and what isn't, in service of making pleasurable choices.

That's why I think it's important to study ☐☐.