

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

Post by "Hiram" of January 9, 2020 at 4:26 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

And that's one reason we are talking about this in the context of a list of tenets of a "Society of Epicurus." It would certainly not be acceptable to me to be a member of a society that held that Epicurus was a liar or a coward and simply trying to avoid the fate of Socrates.

Only Norman DeWitt seems to have been willing to treat Epicurus fairly and respectfully, ...

Cassius at this point I'm not sure if it's honest of you to characterize this as what I'm saying.

It is possible to hold the view that:

Epicurus sincerely believed in his gods,

AND

To hold the view that I do not agree with his view. (Atheist opinion)

AND

Maybe to even hold the view that religious practices still have some utility (idealist opinion)

This is not disrespectful. And it does not imply he was a liar or coward. Each one of these is a sincere opinion and here it is you who are demeaning those who hold these views and accusing them of insulting Epicurus, when at no point that was said or implied in any of the tenets, or in the literature provided to justify their views by the epicureans who hold these views (Ilkka and myself, and others).