

PD10 - Interpretations of PD 10 Discussion

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Before we go too down that road we'd want to consider whether [Epicurean gods](#) are conceivable or inconceivable (presumably the former) and also whether it is conceivable to talk about a human being as a god (also presumably yes, per [Epicurus' letter to menoeceus](#) and also the reference in Lucretius to Epicurus being godlike).

Oh, I would not include the [Epicurean gods](#) in the same hypothetical category as bliss pills. The former, while inconceivable or not, are an integral part of the philosophy as Epicurus and the founders wrote about it. That topic, while difficult, was of fundamental importance to Epicurus himself. I maintain it behooves modern Epicureans to understand why it was so important to Epicurus and what implications and applications it has for us. The bliss pill, on the other hand, is only an intriguing thought experiment albeit an ancient one according to the reference [Joshua](#) provided in a previous thread. I'm personally not as concerned to come to any ultimate understanding of the bliss pill. I don't expect anyone else to necessarily agree with me, but I've answered that question adequately within an Epicurean framework *for myself*.