

# The Letter to Menoecus - Translation By Cyril Bailey

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[Quote from Don](#)

that the gods are apprehended by the mind only.

This, coupled with this:

Quote

## **Etymology** [Processing](#)

**inactive** < [ancient greek](#) [ἐναργής](#) < ἐν- + -αργής (< [ἀργός](#) = sparkling / white)

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**Pronunciation**

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DFA : / [e.nar'jis](#) / male or female

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**Adjective**[Processing](#)

**active, -is, -es**

1. which is seen with [clarity](#) and [clarity](#) *Αυτά All of this came to my mind alive, **active** , as if it were just yesterday. ( [M. Karagatsis](#) , *The yellow file* )≈ [Synonyms](#) : [clear](#) , [distinct](#)≠ [antonyms](#) : [indistinguishable](#)*
2. ( [metaphorically](#) ) that can be easily understood≈ [Synonyms](#) : [understandable](#) , [clear](#)≠ [antonyms](#) : [vague](#) , [difficult to understand](#)

Makes a lot of sense.

But this, from the Epicurus Reader, becomes confusing then:

Quote

First, believe that god is an indestructible and blessed animal.

As it seems quite a material thing. Perhaps a wrong translation? What word did he use in greek [Don](#) ? Since it's different from Bailey's:

[Quote from Cassius](#)

First of all believe that god is a being immortal and blessed

Which I guess is more aligned with god being an idea/concept (/prolepsis?).