

A line of questioning on Epicurean Theology

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This is a good question, although the way it is phrased tend to imply that all of the motivation for discussing the issue was to "solve a problem" that needed to be solved, such that the issue would not have been reached but for a "problem."

Yes no doubt the theory does solve problems, but I tend to think of the entire system as one conclusion flowing naturally from another, such that once you observe life here on earth of varying degrees of advancement, and you deduce the "nature never makes only a single thing of a kind" principle, you're going to be impelled through those and your other deductions about atoms to expect life throughout the universe with some being more advanced than us.

I think that perspective of "following your own observations to their logical conclusions" is a big part of the issue of the gods. Yes it solves problems, but it's also the kind of thing you come up with when you exercise your mind on the things that you observe.