

Episode One Hundred Thirty-Five - The Letter to Menoecus 02 - On The Nature of the Gods

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and therefore you will no more approach their shrines with an easy mind, no more in tranquility and peace will you be able to receive the images, the representations of their divine forms, that form from their pure bodies and strike powerfully upon the minds of men:

I think it's interesting to consider the opposite of what Lucretius is saying:

If you do purge your mind of such conceits, and do banish them your breast, and do forebear to think unworthily of the gods, then you can approach their shrines with an easy mind, in tranquility and peace will you be able to receive the images, the representations of their divine forms, that form from their pure bodies and strike powerfully upon the minds of men.

That's how Epicurus approached his participation in the rites and festivals of the gods.