

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

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Some post show thoughts:

Toward the middle or somewhere in the last half, these two options come up:

1) The gods are just ideals, mental constructs, and don't physically exist.

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2) The gods are actual physical beings, a kind of order of beings that exist somewhere in the universe (non-supernatural but yet immortal)

It is unclear exactly, yet either way, we can read that the admonition of Epicurus is to see the gods as incorruptable and blessed.

And I brought up Joseph Campbell and "archetypes" of the gods/goddess, and the muses.

I see now that Joseph Campbell based his work on Carl Jung, so that is really a better source for understanding archetypes.

--Wikipedia article: [Jungian archetypes](#).

--Wikipedia article: [the muses](#).

As for further ideas about how to apply the psychology of archetypes within Epicureanism, I hope to start a new thread.