

Pros and Cons Of Considering Epicurean Philosophy To Be A "Religion"

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1. "in an infinite universe perfection is bound to exist, that there must be some surpassing being, than which nothing is better".

This strikes me as similar to Aquinas 's fourth argument for God (which, surprise, I don't think works either):

[Quote from Aquinas](#)

The fourth way is taken from the gradation to be found in things. Among beings there are some more and some less good, true, noble and the like. But "more" and "less" are predicated of different things, according as they resemble in their different ways something which is the maximum, as a thing is said to be hotter according as it more nearly resembles that which is hottest; so that there is something which is truest, something best, something noblest and, consequently, something which is uttermost being; for those things that are greatest in truth are greatest in being, as it is written in Metaphysics ii. Now the maximum in any genus is the cause of all in that genus; as fire, which is the maximum heat, is the cause of all hot things. Therefore there must also be something which is to all beings the cause of their being, goodness, and every other perfection; and this we call God.