

Prolepsis Citations from Long & Sedley

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Another intriguing example of prolepsis comes from Philodemos' On Piety, where he writes, “For [the] All [pân] [...] is thought of, just as Time [khrónos] is defined, as being a naturally formed generic conception [prólepsin]” (Col. 66.3-6). I find this interesting because Philodemos makes a comparison between "the universe", "time" and "the god(s)".

Cool! I find this interesting, too, in part because Epicurus makes a point of saying we shouldn't investigate time like we investigate the *prolepseis* of objects that are 'observed within ourselves' (*Letter to Herodotus* 72). But he never says explicitly whether there's nevertheless a *prolepsis* of time that is different than the ones we have of objects.