

Give Us an Example of God!

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I usually take the approach that it wouldn't take imagining things exceedingly different or extraordinary to get to Epicurean Godhood. If some lower class folks in the Epicurean hayday could get much from the philosophy then blessedness must not be too far out of grasp for me living in the 21st century American context. I also read a lot of more left-wing anthropology, so I usually imagine Gods as some sort of subsistence farming or hunter gathering community; or a culture that reconstitutes their society with the seasons or generationally to continue to live blessedly and in balance with the psychic impulses of the human animal to that end. I think about this more scaled-down vision as a personal and achievable goal I am working towards i.e. living in a tighter-knit community with friends and not just the nuclear family. Yang Zhu had a particular valorization of the "the ancients" in his context from my limited study of his system, so this look to the past fits with that tradition.

I'm not really too interested in futurism as I find tech integration and most transhuman concepts beyond healing diseases to be pretty disconcerting. I do like a good blanket Star Trek-like vision for futurity if I am considering it, though I am not that familiar or interested in the details of that franchises' lore.

I think Epicurean philosophy applies to humans and other similar enough biological entities no matter where in technological progression they find themselves in. Perhaps it's good practice to contemplate Epicurean Godhood at every stage of development we can imagine: the Blessed Epicurean ancients (and look to those who still live close to that presently) and the Epicurean future, in order to better reason to how we can live an Epicurean present which is accelerating technologically. The theology could be a way to understand that blessedness comes in many varieties and is possible to nearly grasp in most contexts.