

Give Us an Example of God!

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Here's (above) an image that depicts (to me) the gods

Off topic, just curious: Did ancient Epicureans use mind-altering substances (other than alcohol), as the painting suggests?

It's definitely on-topic, and it is primarily supported right now by (1) a total projection based on my anecdotal experiences as an atheist who ate mushrooms and had experienced what seemed so clearly to me to be *The Religious Experience* that is described in many traditions, and (2) a totally circumstantial supposition based on the fact that surrounding groups of non-Greek peoples were using psycho-active substances, such as the Scythians use of cannabis.

We know that Epicurus took part in the Dionysian and Eleusian mysteries, which most definitely involved wine, as you mentioned, but anything else, at this point, I think, is a stretch.

Still ... I'm stretching, because the [Epicurean gods](#) jive with my self-induced psychedelic experiences more than they are cohering to any one animalistic conception I've tried to formulate. I'm really open to image others like that reflect qualities of how they imagine the divine nature.