

Give Us an Example of God!

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What would be the closest term to describe [Epicurean gods](#)? Naturalistic deism?

They are defined as higher beings relative to human beings that can live far longer or effectively forever with a way to replenish their bodies and who live pleasurably and virtuously, and that they live in the space between the worlds and are concerned with maintaining their own pleasure and avoid interfering with lesser beings as they are preoccupied with their own self-preservation and may suffer from pain if they do interfere. Humans, mortal beings, can experience an approximate "divinity" of the higher beings by living as Epicurean sages.

The term "god" has a heavy connotation and I am inclined to use "higher being" to get away from that, but I feel like that is underwhelming the point of them.

I found this term: ietsist -- "It is a Dutch term for a range of beliefs held by people who, on the one hand, inwardly suspect - or indeed believe - that "there must be something undefined beyond the mundane which can be known or proven", but on the other hand do not accept or subscribe to an established view of the nature of a deity offered by any particular religion." - From the Wikipedia article. But we are putting forth an idea of the gods rather than this weak agnostic theism.