

# Prolepsis / Anticipations As Epicurus' Answer to the MENO Problem

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Don't want to interject too much, as I don't want to derail the great conversation. I just want to say that if any reader is having trouble understanding *prolepsis* like I did for years, I merely invite thinking a bit bigger about the words associated with it, such as anticipations and understanding it perhaps not just as a decidedly cognitive process but also an expression of material processes.

I don't want to let the discussion pass without recognizing that I believe *prolepsis* is a very illuminating concept, even more so than developing reasoning from *pathos* was for me. I've roughly explained elsewhere on the forum the beginning of my thinking that *prolepsis* has become replacement for what I found to be the vacuous word "consciousness", which making this move tosses out a lot of philosophical false problems related to the baggage associated with that term. I've also been exploring notions of linking *prolepsis* to ideas of "simulation", the material "soul" and "unconscious" processes outside of thinking. I'm beginning to suspect that a lot about phenomena we experience is based in fundamental principals of recursion, self-reference, anticipation, and incremental and iterative processes quite a long ways down the path of exploring the nature of biological life and "being"; yet to set all that wild-eyed speculation aside it's really nice to see my untrained, often unhinged, formulations getting some much needed tempering by fruitful discussion grounded in the Philosophical tradition. 😊