

Does Epicurean Philosophy Remove the Magic and Mystery of Life?

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Does a scientific and materialist worldview diminish awe and wonder? I would say no.

Years ago, when I was riding bicycle for transportation, I got caught in a thunderstorm. I quick ducked into a bus shelter with transparent plexiglass walls and top; so, I got to see the whole storm from my protective refuge. AWESOME and unforgettable! ☐☐ The fact that I know it's only electrical discharges in nature did nothing to diminish it. LOL!!! In fact, it helped! I knew I wasn't being targeted by Yahweh or Zeus for being a nasty atheist! ☐☐

[Quote from Cassius](#)

No -- and the accusation rests on a confusion between two very different sources of wonder. Epicurean philosophy removes superstition and fear-based awe -- the kind that sees lightning as divine punishment, or that requires belief in an intervening deity to feel reverence for existence.

Yep.