

Epicurus, gods and God

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Wow thank you Elli!

So just to be clear, you are agreeing with DeWitt that the surviving texts of Epicurus himself do NOT call the gods deathless / immortal?

This is a huge point that no one other than DeWitt seems to have brought out.

And so the possibility is that if later Epicureans spoke more loosely, then they were deviating from Epicurus in an important way (although I would first presume that we may translation issues there too, plus the standard issues of fragmentary speculation on those texts that come from Herculaneum.)

And if this is true that would go a long ways toward removing another objection to the [Epicurean gods](#) being "unrealistic."