

# Jefferson the Deist?

**Post by "Cassius" of January 17, 2018 at 4:51 PM**

I should have addressed that point in my first post. Yes I agree that my understanding of "Deist" is a detached god, but I also understand the term to mean "supernatural" and also "created the universe." I associate the term Deist with the "clockmaker" model of the god who sets things in motion and steps back, and THAT would not be compatible with Epicurus. The part you describe is definitely compatible, but if "deist" also includes "supernatural" and "universe creator" then that part would not. Those are the issues I would like to see clarified in examining what Jefferson believed.