

Scientism, Atheism, And The Admissibility Of Spiritual Experience

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So for that reason I don't see how any contention that "Epicurus was wrong about XXX" or conversely that "Epicurus' position supports YYY" can be held as established without first being more clear both about what we are contending Epicurus' position was, and what we are seeking to prove or disprove. The Epicurean texts are full of general warnings and denunciations of supernatural religion, so I do not believe that any reading of particular passages should be read as contradictory without compelling reasons to do so, which I am personally still not seeing.

So to repeat the main point of this post, I find the term "spiritual experiences" without further definition to be an obstacle to further clarity here.

Yes, I think some people are still saying that I am promoting something more than Epicurus insisted upon. So really the bare-bones theology is that gods exist, humankind has a prolepsis/anticipation for them, that we receive some very minimal impression of them that he calls images, that they are blessed and immortal, and whatever can be concluded from them being blessed, which Epicurus states.

We are far more familiar in the West with a mono-theistic God than Epicurus' godS, but like he said, Nature never makes only one of anything, so alrighty, then. 😊