

Scientism, Atheism, And The Admissibility Of Spiritual Experience

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Hmm this is much more confusing. Is it saying - don't be confused about what is blessed because if you think the planets are, then you'll get all perturbed?

The quote I took was from the Oxford Handbook of E&E, chapter on the gods, in which blessedness seems to be talking directly about the gods.

Here is a translation by Robert Drew Hicks:

“Nay, in every term we use we must hold fast to all the majesty which attaches to such notions as bliss and immortality, lest the terms should generate opinions inconsistent with this majesty. Otherwise such inconsistency will of itself suffice to produce the worst disturbance in our minds. Hence, where we find phenomena invariably recurring, the invariability of the recurrence must be ascribed to the original interception and conglomeration of atoms whereby the world was formed.”

So in this one, it seems to talk about the importance of not confusing blissful and immortal things with things that are not of this nature. Don't confuse planets with gods, but also don't confuse gods with more regular phenomena, or you will have a disturbed mind.

Is it too much of a push? If so, I withdraw the suggestion!