

Scientism, Atheism, And The Admissibility Of Spiritual Experience

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That's how I read it. If you look at the last lines of "verse" 76, Epicurus is talking about the μετεώροις (meteōrois) "astronomical phenomena in the heavens above" so stars, planets, etc. No being controls or ordains them because those beings are blessed and incorruptible and that control is counter to those characteristics. And the planets don't take these movements up themselves under their own control. We must believe that their motion is a result of their "agglomeration" of matter during the "birth-process" of the universe: ἐν τῇ τοῦ κόσμου γενέσει (en tē kosmou genesei) literally, "during the genesis of the cosmos". I find some poetry in Epicurus's words there 😊