

# Long and Sedley, Hellenistic Philosophers, "Gods"

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A prolepsis of the gods is more difficult to sort out: is this prolepsis supposed to be the same in all cultures

Fully agree about the sorting out 😊 My take has been that he was taking about a baseline across all cultures (or at least those Epicurus knew about!), and that baseline was incorruptibility ἀφθαρτος and blessedness μακάριος. That's it. Otherwise, the gods were not as the hoi polloi conceived of them. I love it that hoi polloi "the many" οἱ πολλοί is literally what Epicurus called other people with ill-conceived ideas about the gods