

Long and Sedley, Hellenistic Philosophers, "Gods"

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[Quote from Don](#)

incorruptibility ἀφθαρτος and blessedness μακάριος

I agree with Don but I myself am unsure of the implications of even those two words. I suspect it really reduces to something relatively simple and straightforward, such as "imperviousness to pain or death" and spending all their time on things they enjoy doing, although even that is ambiguous. I do think that there are implications of being "at the top of the chain" that means that there are implications of intelligence and activity that would disqualify simple forms of life (amoebas, whatever) from being considered "gods."