

Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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I am even "more" late commenting. I was tied up earlier in November then in December I caught the infamous virus that put me out of commission for two weeks...awful...just awful.

The "god" discussion has been one that I've taken part in for the last few years. So much has been written about it, but often leaves us divided. For my part I have vacillated greatly in what I believe Epicurus thought about the gods. I think truly, as it was in his time, exactly as he posited: the being (*if it exists*) is blessed and indestructible has no trouble, therefore gives no trouble.

What a person does with this information beyond this first premise is entirely up to them. If believing in the idea of a god gives you comfort and pleasure...so be it. But you may potentially end up speculating or imagining a deity that may evolve into something that does not give you pleasure, therefore ruining a very specific Epicurean idea.

I don't do much speculating on this subject anymore since it becomes fruitless very very quickly and leaves parties divided unnecessarily.