

# Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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Also, it's not to say that the gods conversation isn't "meaningful" to many people. It's just that expectations should be set as to what type of conversation we would be having. Comparing the metaphysical and apophatic theology of Philo of Alexandria with that of Epicurus, where the majority of the Epicurean texts are lost on the subject will necessarily be fruitless. Philo has literally volumes to say while Epicurus has one or two vague things to say in Menoceus.

It's just that the expectation of what will be discussed needs to be on display. I don't think anyone will find anything mystical about EP. If you try to make it into a pantheistic situation you'll find yourself in the heart of Stoic theology. If that's where you want to be then perhaps you are an Epicurean that finds pantheistic Stoic theology interesting? Or perhaps you are a Stoic that finds Epicurean philosophy intriguing. Either way, the expectations simply should be that "theology" is not a hallmark of EP in its own right (or at least what we know of it) and wanting too much from it will only cause a person distress.