

# Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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For sure Don, I think it is important that we get as much out of the original texts as we can. It sounds like you are doing detailed research on the subject, and I'd be interested to hear about what you find. I'm certain that there are volumes that are missing. So sadly we may not ever know what was originally intended as far as Epicurean theology goes in its entirety.

I agree 100% that the modern stoics who avoid the originally critical aspect of the Logos are doing themselves an enormous disservice. I personally cannot even envision what Stoicism is without a theological/pantheistic element. If God isn't the arbiter of their virtue then who or what is? If the answer is man, then they are left in a swirling world of relativism. God/Zeus/Mind/Logos is as much tied to Stoicism as atoms and void are to EP.

My original technique to fill in the theological gaps with non-Epicurean concepts ended up disastrous. So I am mostly inclined to just avoid it and discuss differences between systems and schools as entirely separate entities rather than attempt to bolster one over another. So I'll always be more than happy to discuss the One of Plotinus from a Neoplatonic perspective, the Logos from a Stoic perspective or the Trinity from the Christian perspective.

And yes! It's a pleasure to meet you here! I'm glad to be able to find some time and engage with folks here. It's a part of my life that has been missing for awhile. 😊