

# Epicurean Rules of Evidence

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Excellent list. Understanding how we come to our conclusions is necessary in order to have certainty about them.

“οὐχὶ καὶ [διαφέρει] τοῦ φανεροῦ Τάφανες; καὶ παρακρούειν ἡμᾶς ἔχουσι σθεναρῶς, ἐπειδὴ τὰ παρ' ἡμῖν ζῶα [παραφυλάττοντες] εἶναι φθαρτὰ, τοὺς θεοὺς ἀφθάρτους ὑπάρχειν λέγομεν; Καὶ πάντων γενητῶν καὶ φθρτῶν ὄντων, τὰς τῶν ὅλων ἀρχὰς ἀγενήτους εἶναι καὶ ἀφθάρτους [ἀξιοῦμεν]; Φιλοδήμου Περὶ Σημείων ΧΧ.20-30

Isn't the invisible [different] from the visible? Can't they strongly slap us aside, because [while observing] that the living things around us are destructible, we say that the gods are indestructible? And although all things are created and destructible, [we think] that the elements of all things are uncreated and indestructible?"

Philodemus quoting Bromius (Cf. De Lacy "On Methods of Inference" pg. 69-70)