

Episode Eighty-Five - Thunder and Lightning Part Three - Why Do The Gods Send Thunderbolts Onto Their Own Temples?

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In listening to the podcast, I was reminded - in reference to the section on the gods and lightning - this seems to be an argument against the beliefs in the gods as held by the hoi polloi - the many - as mentioned in the Letter to Menoikeus. There, Epicurus writes about the gods - being good - bestow good things to good people and vice versa. This section in Lucretius is a direct attack on that view. And I really liked the fact that hoi polloi *is* what they're called: οἱ πολλοί. So that phrase was directly adopted into English.