

2000 Years of Pointing Out That They Are Not Reconcilable. Convinced Yet?

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Few thought experiments.

Was Epicurus not inciting a religious reform (of all faiths) by saying things like?:

"It's not we but those who believe like the majority that are blasphemous"

"Believe about the gods WHATEVER you wish so long as it does not contradict their indestructibility or bliss"

I don't see how this doctrine needs only apply to Olympians gods.

Isn't it possible that even a monotheism can be reformed in this manner? Or a pantheism where Nature is deity, as ancient Epicureans seemed to imply in their gratitude prayer?

"We give thanks to divine Nature for she made the needful things easy to attain and the difficult things to attain, she made unnecessary"

Isn't Thomas Jefferson a type of monotheistic, deist Epicurean of this kind? Why have we never taken seriously the possibility of a "god of nature" (meaning nature or reality itself as deity) as a healthy way to channel the religious instinct?

Just random thoughts.