

# Compassion in Epicurean Philosophy

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I see that Elli commented earlier on Pandora and Hope here: [RE: Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy](#) but it was only a passing comment:

Quote

When you would be able to live among gods, then we will talk about this again. Maybe there is a definite conclusion for **living like gods among gods is an utopia**. Utopia means that there is not any place in this planet Earth that **you can live like gods among gods**. Not still now. Hope so, but the Hope, as that myth says, it was the LAST THING in the Pandoras box.

Other references to hope:

Why Did Zeus Put Hope In Pandora's Box?

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According to Hesiod, Zeus willed that Hope should stay inside because he wanted mortals to suffer in order to understand that they should not disobey their...

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Hope and Pandora's Box:

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Lawrence Alma-Tadema's water-color of an ambivalent Pandora, 1881 In Greek mythology, Pandora was the first human woman created by the gods. Zeus ordered her...

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Nietzsche - [Human, All Too Human:](#)

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HOPE.—[Pandora](#) brought [the box of ills](#) and opened it. It was the gift of the gods to men, outwardly a beautiful and seductive gift, and called the Casket of Happiness. Out of it flew all the evils, living winged creatures, thence they now circulate and do men injury day and night. One single evil had not yet escaped from the box, and by the will of Zeus Pandora closed the lid and it remained within. Now for ever man has the casket of happiness in his house and thinks he holds a great treasure ; it is at his disposal, he stretches out his hand for it whenever he

desires ; for he does not know the box which Pandora brought was the casket of evil, and he believes the ill which remains within to be the greatest blessing, —it is hope. Zeus did not wish man, however much he might be tormented by the other evils, to fling away his life, but to go on letting himself be tormented again and again. Therefore he gives man hope,—in reality it is the worst of all evils, because it prolongs the torments of man.