

# Episode One Hundred Eight - The Benefits of A Proper Understanding of the Senses and of Natural Science

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After listening a part of the episode, I'm wondering whether or not you've read my mind 😊

The questions raised are of utmost importance- and, to be honest, they've almost brought me away from EP. But, as far as I can judge, the Epicurean is simply an empirical sceptic, right? So, an EP would say "I see light at the sky, and there's something projecting it". We shouldn't reach towards conclusions too hastily- but its safe to assume that after we launched satellites and have photos of the Sun, we can say that the light at the sky comes from the Sun.

Whether or not the Sun consists of hydrogen or not, we cannot prove (yet). But in near future, that'll probably change.

Today I had a discussion with a Christian girl (and one whom I've admitted in love a while ago, to be fair). When I asked her if tens or hundreds of thousands of scientists who work on the Evolution are wrong, she answered "yes", and then proceeded to ask why the Creationists should be less wrong than the Evolutionists. This was a major tipping point to me... first, that I consider myself very lucky that we didn't got into a relationship (I nowadays simply can't imagine being together with a person believing in a sky daddy and that the Earth was created 6000 years ago), and second- that religion is bullshit. We have physical evidence of animals living tens of thousands of years ago. The method of carbon detection is reliable, its proof. Can we safely assume that animals evolved exactly in the way that Darwin postulated? Probably not yet, as we don't have a time machine yet. Can we safely assume that animals evolved from bottom to top, from primitive to complex? We have physical evidence, which clearly indicates that way. So yes! Being a Sceptic would mean rejecting the fundamental stuff our science is built on.

To sum it up: thanks for the episode! It was honestly eye-opening for me, and very important. As Epicurus advised, we should have faith in truth. But not truth which is per definition unprovable, but in truth which we can prove with our senses.

The Earth is not flat. Covid is not a hoax (look into a hospital and the intensive care stations). Life on Earth is far older than 6,000 years. The Earth circle the Sun. This isn't an assumption. Its proven, countless scientists have worked on it. We can buy a place in a rocket, fly up and see that the world is, in fact, round. All this stuff is real. To doubt it, is madness and foolishness, not scepticism.

And if you trust your senses, but reject metaphysical claims- so basically the ideal version of Scepticism... then you're vey close to being an Epicurean. Welcome!