

Episode One Hundred Seventeen - Letter to Herodotus 06 - The Doctrine of Infinity of Worlds And Its Implications

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Two other points to make by way of preface:

1.) Martin has been kind enough on a number of occasions to correct me when I use the phrase "many worlds". "Many-worlds" is an interpretation of modern quantum mechanics that is neither empirical nor falsifiable, and has nothing to do with Epicurean physics.

What we *will* be talking about is Cosmic Pluralism, which is simply the understanding that Earth, or the bodies of Solar System, are not the only celestial bodies in existence.

2.) The use of the word "idol" in 46 should not be construed to carry its religious connotations. Epicurus uses the Greek word εἶδωλον, *eidolon*, which is the root of the English word but means:

Noun Edit

εἶδωλον • (eídōlon) n (genitive εἰδώλου); second declension

1. phantom, ghost
2. shape, figure, image
3. image of the mind: idea, fancy
4. representation, statue, idol

We appear to be dealing with some combination of definitions 2 and 3.