

Episode One Hundred Eighteen - Letter to Herodotus 07 - "Images" - There's More To Them Than Meets The Eye

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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

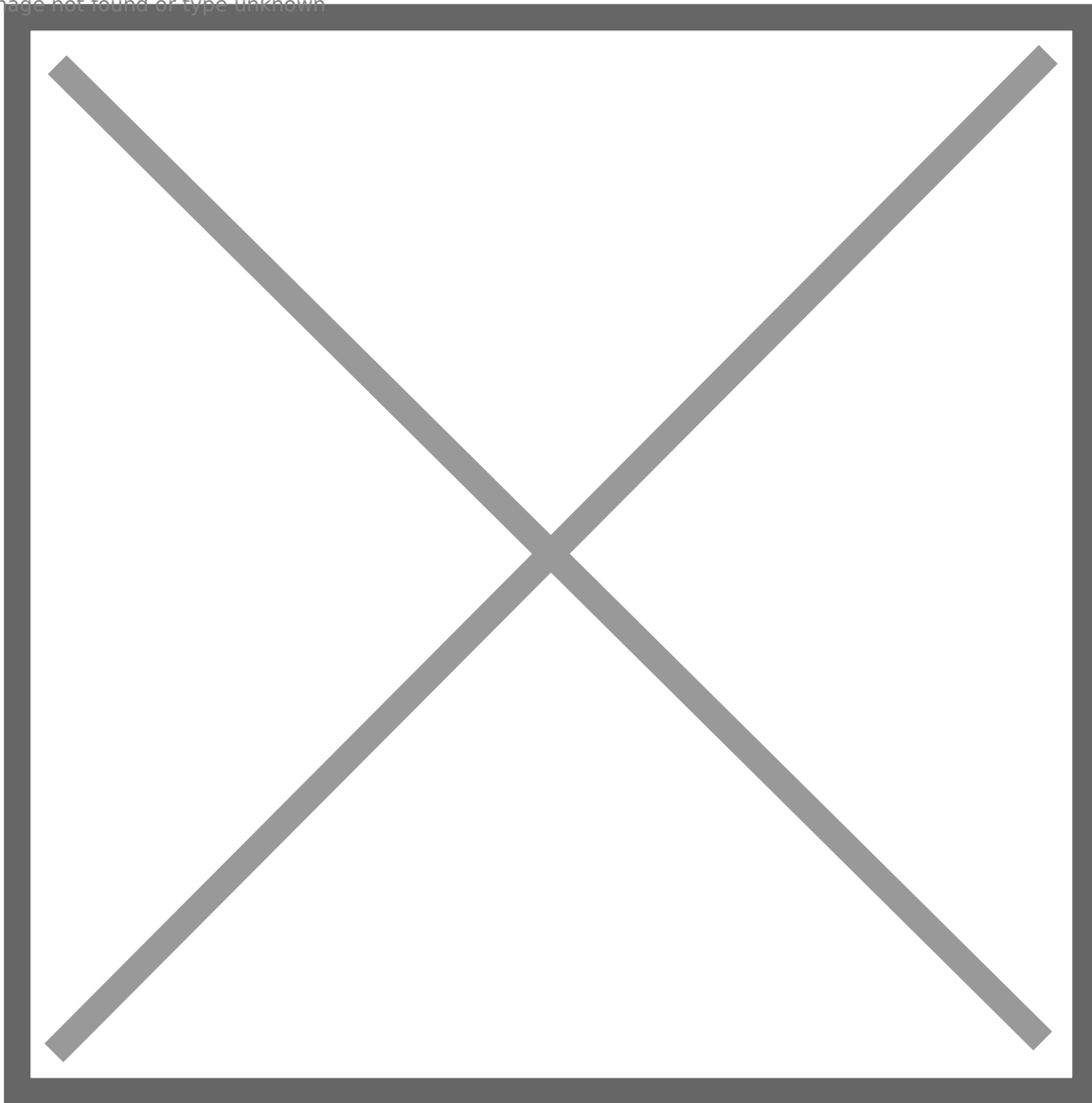
1. phantom, ghost
2. shape, figure, image
3. image of the mind: idea, fancy
4. representation, statue, idol

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

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Agreed, but I do find it interesting to remember that the literal definition of the (English) word "idol" is a "representation" of a god and stems directly from εἰδολών.

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IDOL Meaning: "image of a deity as an object of (pagan) worship," from Old French idole "idol, graven image, pagan... See definitions of idol.

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