

The Science of Reading

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And it doesn't negate Epicurus's basic premise that we have to rely on our senses.

In addition to that, I think there's a lot of material in the discussion of "images" that would relate to the same point. What we perceive over time (whether through the eyes or through the other theory of images) gets used to develop the patterns (or "models") that we then recognize.

Here's a random quote, Humphries translating "model" rather than "pattern" but probably a similar point:

Furthermore, where would the gods derive a scheme

For making things, how would they understand

What men were to be like, so gods could know,

Or only imagine, how to fashion them?

Or how would they comprehend the principles

Of primal bodies, what was possible

Through changed arrangements, unless nature gave

A model for creation?

Here's Bailey with pattern:

[181] Further, how was there first implanted in the gods a pattern for the begetting of things, yea, and the concept of man, so that they might know and see in their mind what they wished to do, or in what way was the power of the first-beginnings ever learnt, or what they could do when they shifted their order one with the other, if nature did not herself give a model of creation?