

Knowledge of the Gods as "Manifest"

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

And of course the next step in that positioning is to take a position whether the "gods" exist ONLY as constructs of the mind or whether they also have independent physical existence in the manner described by Velleius. At the moment I can't remember your position on that (?) I presume you are siding with what we've often described as the "idealist" position vs the "realist" position (though I am not sure I really like those labels)

Yeah, I'm not fond of those labels either... but, yes, I'm siding with the Sedleyan "idealist" position.

But whether the [Epicurean gods](#) exist as mental constructs (i.e., goals toward which to strive) OR as physical entities in the μετακόσμια or intermundia, we humans will never see them with our physical eyes like a tree or a goat or another human. If we receive their images, we intercept the subtle images with the sensory faculty of our minds.