

# Knowledge of the Gods as "Manifest"

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

I presume you would agree that the long discussion of images in Lucretius book 4 and other places in the texts does confirm that the Epicureans did consider "images" to be a physical phenomena of atoms moving through space, and not a matter of simple "thought." Right(?).

Oh, of course! It's all atoms and void. Images from a tree, a goat, a god, are all films of atoms (per the Epicurean theory). Thought itself is a physical phenomenon within our *psychē*. But the images of the gods are so subtle they can only be perceived by the faculty of our minds in contemplation and dreams.

nec de corpore quae sancto simulacra feruntur

in mentes hominum divinae nuntia formae,

That line from Lucretius is pretty unambiguous to my reading.