

Epicureans and the Ancient Greek Gods (Imagery of "Gods" / "Gods Among Men")

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[Quote from Laughing Democritus](#)

I think it would be an interesting artistic exercise to attempt to create an "Epicurean Deity" based solely on the philosophical description, devoid of the polytheistic accretions.

I don't really disagree with that wording, but I think part of the issue we are talking about is whether the description is *purely* philosophical / conceptual, or whether it includes the actual references to the material in "On the Nature of the Gods," Lucretius' poem, etc. An Epicurean deity to an ancient Greco-Roman Epicurean would presumably not look exactly like a Hindu version or an African version or an Asian version, but similar characteristics could be embodied using any of the cultural pictures, I would think.