

Scientism, Atheism, And The Admissibility Of Spiritual Experience

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Given my use of the word "prolepsis" here, I revisited a paper by David K. Glidden. The following are just brief - but I think relevant - excerpts:

"Given Epicurean epistemic realism, these claims on the character of some thing or state must be seen as claims on the world, so that *prolepsis, like aisthesis for a realist, is ambiguous between the psychological act of apprehension and the content discerned, some feature of the world.* In the case of prolepsis what is discerned should be some abiding character in things, as opposed to some temporary appearance. ...

"Such **recognitions** are part of the evidence, not part of our inferences. And prolepsis, it seems, constitutes such **recognitions.**" [My emphasis]

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There is a link and some discussion of Dr. Gliddens' longer paper as well, here:

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[**Dr. David Glidden's "Epicurean Prolepsis"**](#)

Thanks to Don's hard work and to the generosity of Dr. Glidden himself, we have obtained a copy of Dr. Glidden's 1985 paper "Epicurean Prolepsis."

As many of you know we have been discussing Anticipations in our two most recent podcast episodes, and Dr. Glidden came to our attention through [a shorter work which we found very interesting](#). Dr. Glidden developed that shorter work into the longer article which was published in 1985 in the Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy.

While we decide the...



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