

PD01 - Gratitude and Weakness (Especially In Relation to the Gods)

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Additional thought on this: The word μακάριος "blessed" is regularly used to describe both the life of the god and the life of a human in Epicurean texts, so those lives have to share some similarities. The big difference, as I see it, is the "incorruptibility" of the gods. The gods don't fall from their completely blissful state... Ever. But this does have a complement in human life. Diogenes Laertius says that "once the sage has become wise, they will no longer fall back into ignorance."

That incorruptible is...

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, Α α, , ἀφές-ημα , ἄφθαρ-τος](#)

uncorrupted, undecaying

Romans 1.23 includes the word referring to "the glory of the incorruptible God."

I Corinthians 15:52 uses it for "the dead will be raised incorruptible."

I find the description of the sage and the god intriguing. Not identical but complementary? Parallel?