

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

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Hi Clive,

I wanted to swing by and welcome you. I've been taking a short hiatus but I would enjoy discussing your thoughts further when I return.

If you read further up the thread you'll see that there are three positions modern Epicureans take on the gods issue. Two of which posit that the gods do not actually exist and one (the Traditional view) that they fundamentally do exist.

This discussion is primarily concerned with the Epicurean conception of deity and whether the gods, as specifically described by Epicurus, are capable of existing or not. Some Epicureans hold that there are real beings, as real as you and I are existing in the universe or the *intermundia*. Others are claiming pure atheism and still others claim they are not real but just allegorical and artistic interpretations of the human psyche and nature.