

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

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"I mean, you want to be honest but sometimes you don't want to hurt peoples feelings? Or you want to be honest, but you give a prescription of sugar-pills because there's the placebo effect. You don't want to be harmful to someone with a phobia, yet you let them hold a snake or tarantula because exposure can also help us overcome phobias."

I totally understand what you are saying in regard to a placebo, but the presuppositional opinion that the gods are not to be feared is circular in this case. Plus if you believe this theology is a placebo then you have your answer as to whether Epicurus truly believed in his own gods.

The very last thing I want is a placebo for the possible underlying meaning of the cosmos. If anything, that only makes me feel that I have been condescended to by Epicurus. And that he is arguing from a position of authority and special knowledge. Neither of which can be afforded to him.