

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

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[Quote from Matthaheus](#)

Obviously an allegorical god is not the same thing as a real "atomic" god. The issue is that Epicurus himself posits that the gods are in fact real.

Hola Mateo! While I grant your point, here you touch on something interesting. Allegorical and atomic deities are not mutually contradictory, and in your persistent concern with theology you have abandoned the utility and purpose of religious experience, which is to help us experience [pure, effortless pleasure](#).

When Lucretius says that all of nature opens up in spring FOR Venus, he is clearly not referring to a goddess with a physical body that dwells outside of the galaxies. He is using the religious image to induce pleasure, in-spiration.