

Welcome BrainToBeing

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Some of us here have settled(?) on the idea of prolepseis as being the ability of the human mind to recognize patterns of significance in the flood of sense data that pours in. That's the very basic idea we've hit upon.

Prolepsis / Anticipations was the focus of our interview with Dr. David Glidden .

The Lucretius Today Podcast Interviews:

Dr. David Glidden
author of
"Epicurean Prolepsis"



Blog Article

[Lucretius Today Interviews Dr. David Glidden on Epicurean Prolepsis](#)

In Episode 166 the Lucretius Today podcasters interviewed Dr. David Glidden, professor emeritus from the University of California - Riverside, about his articles "Epicurean Prolepsis" and "Epicurean Thinking."

The podcast version and discussion is here:

[Episode 166 - The Lucretius Today Podcast Interviews Dr. David Glidden on "Epicurean Prolepsis"](#) And the episode can be played on Youtube here:

youtu.be/xz201PEnNQc



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One of the big issues in debates about what Epicurus meant was whether prolepsis refers to a logical process of "concept-formation after repeated exposure to certain things," or whether (as seems more likely) Epicurus was constructing a theory of how what we refer to as concepts are developed "intuitively" with less reliance on logical syllogisms and the like.

You'll find that some of the most interesting debates about Epicurus revolve around his attitude toward "logic" -- and how he at the same time both elevated "reasoning" while deprecating syllogistic logic. Prolepsis seems to be at least in part the mechanism by which he was approaching how humans learn and think without being reliant on syllogistic logic.