

What Would Epicurus Think of the Big Bang?

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does an analogy of ripples on an ocean have any different emotional impact or philosophical implication than the particles in space analogy?

For me, no difference.

I get the same sense of awe when thinking that the iron in my blood was forged in the heart of long dead stars, the oxygen I breathe is from the respiration of plants, the light that enters my eyes from Orion's Belt has been traveling for unimaginably long times before I sense it. It's only a matter of different levels of thinking about my connection to other people, other life forms, and the vast universe itself.

PS. And I need to add that that connection isn't metaphorical or mystical or supernatural, it's literal. I am literally connected to everything else in a physical, tangible, material way. From the atoms that make me up coming from dead stars, to the air I breathe coming from plants, the acquaintances and friends and relatives and ancestors I have that come from all over the world, I am a result of all those connections rippling and bubbling and waving through the cosmos and out into the infinite All.