

What Did Epicurus Say About "Gods?" Was Epicurus an "atheist?"

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Michele since you are an Italian and presumably very in tune with Lucretius 😊

Lol! 😊

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How do you interpret the references to Venus in the opening of Book 1 of his poem?

I don't have enough studies for my opinion to be authoritative. I make a simple hypothesis:

Venus is the goddess of love. Lucretius wanted to open his book with an ode to Love.

It is quite common that a deity is mentioned to understand what it represents.

For example: I love Bacchus = I am a drunkard.