

# Episode 227 - Cicero's OTNOTG - 02 - Velleius Begins His Attack On Traditional Views Of The Gods

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I definitely think we have a 'proleptic' capacity or capacities that produce prolepseis, but I just tend to think the prolepseis themselves (the products of the capacity) have conceptual content and structure. And I guess one place I'm seeing Epicurus suggest that is in the plural of prolepseis and 'pronouncements':

## Quote

'For the pronouncements of the many about the gods are not basic grasps (prolepseis) but false suppositions.'

οὐ γὰρ προλήψεις εἰσὶν ἀλλ' ὑπολήψεις ψευδεῖς αἱ τῶν πολλῶν ὑπὲρ θεῶν ἀποφάσεις.

It strikes me that Epicurus is at least suggesting that his own 'pronouncements' about the gods *are* prolepseis. But maybe I'm just tired.