

Give Us an Example of God!

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[Julia](#)

Thanks so much for the thoughtful reply!

While I recognize that I have geographic, ethnic and gender advantages in my favor, I also have fortunately known, congregated and am among many poor and frugal folk who understand the true value of a friend. You can make so much happen in terms of material and moral enrichment even with meager means if you indeed hold your friends close and your enemies afar. Living one's life receiving and repaying wiselike, in excess and in kind is a most gratifying way to live under the present conditions.

[Quote from Julia](#)

and as a person, I reside within a human, but I am not it, and as such, my body is as much my environment as the flat I use to shelter it, and the society I use to shelter that flat.

I suppose in studying Epicureanism's doctrine of the Soul, I came to see myself as the totality of my body, and the mind as just another piece of it that is important, but I am more expansive than that. Even though some of my body's functions are unconscious does not mean they aren't me, or that I can't apprehend it's thoughts with my mind. The "immortality" of Epicurean friendship surely extends to who and what I am in the world as I appear to others as well. My Father, who has past, was to me not his mind but the way he was received to me through the senses and emotions; smells, feelings, touch, voice, etc. The Epicurean soul must surely include the biochemical, mental and bodily memories between people as well.

As for immortality being a part of Epicurean Theology, I honestly part ways with Philodemus there. Living for exceedingly long times is another fear of mine.