

Episode 241 - Cicero's OTNOTG 16 - A Common Thread Between The Epicurean View Of "The Gods" and "The Good"

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My first thought is that "worlds" appears to refer to a "collection" of lots of objects like planets and stars (presumably) then I would take "world" to be the "collection" of things, and not indicative that it would be impossible for planets or even stars to exist "on their own" part from a "world-system." I seem to recall that even in the letter to Herodotus there is talk of worlds arising from a "vortex" - like spinning, so it would not seem impossible for me if Epicurus considered each "world" to be like a spinning collection of things (like we tend to look at galaxies) with it being possible for objects to be "spun off" into the area that would presumably exist between innumerable galaxies.

I know that is broad and ambiguous but I would presume that Epicurus realized we can only see "so far" out into the universe, presumably no further out than our own world. I wouldn't expect him to impose arbitrary limits or descriptions on what kind of matter in what arrangements might exist "between" these world formations.