

# Are Epicurean Gods Compatible with Carl Jung's Collective Unconscious and Archetypes?

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Jung believes that the archetypes are the unconscious images of the instincts themselves. In other words, archetypes are **patterns of instinctual behaviour**. The hypothesis of the collective unconscious is, therefore, no more daring than to assume there are instincts. While many have called this mysticism, Jung’s concept of the collective unconscious is neither a speculative nor a philosophical matter, but an empirical one. The question is: are there or are there not unconscious, universal forms of this kind? If they exist, then there is a region of the psyche which one can call the collective unconscious.

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