

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

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I've often supposed that Jungian *archetypes* could be meaningful points of reference against *prolepseis* (in particular). In *Epicurean Philosophy: An introduction from the "Garden of Athens"*, Christos Yapijakis agrees, and connects *prolepseis* with “images from the subconscious”. Elsewhere, he connects supposes that "the non-rational part of soul [...] was later named 'subconscious' by Sigmund Freud" (92). I caution comparison with Jung, if for no other reason than for his fondness for Plato, but also for his celebration of metaphor (versus Epicurus' frankness). *Still*, I think it would be very reasonable to suggest that "god" is the "archetype" of a blessedness and imperishability, and that the universal, human spiritual experience is grounded in universal, evolutionary precursors.