

Episode 250 - Cicero's OTNOTG 25: The Relationship of "Images" To All Human Thought - Not Just To "The Gods"

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One of the subjects discussed in the latter part of this episode is whether Epicurus' statement that gods are living beings blessed and imperishable is a conclusion of the mind, or somehow a fact embodied in something engraved on men's minds, as some commentators tend to apply.

I think most of us here at Epicureanfriends take the position that ALL of the data provided by the faculties - including the faculty of anticipations - is PRE-rational and does not contain it's own conclusory "statement of fact."

So related to that topic I've started a separate thread, to be continued beyond the scope of this episode, entitled:

Thread

[Clear But Not Convincing Evidence](#)

In the context of a portion of Lucretius Today Episode 250 I want to start this thread to focus on the possibility that significant parts of the use of Epicurean prolepsis, including discussion of "gods," needs to be evaluated with the understand that evidence can be "clear" but not "convincing."

For example, in evaluating: "For gods there are, since the knowledge of them is by clear vision." (Bailey) But does "knowledge of them by clear vision" indicate that everything which is alleged by some...



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