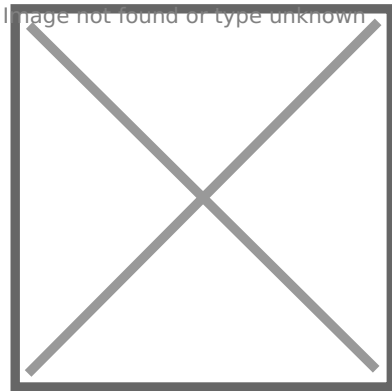


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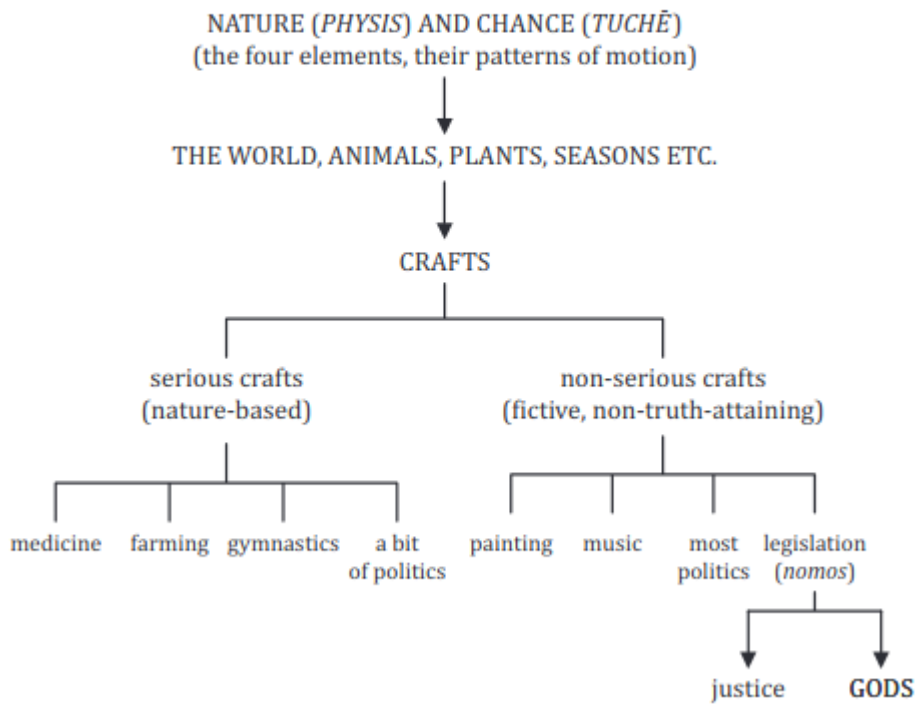
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and a little David Sedley humor:

Third in the catalogue was Critias. Epicurus' is the earliest evidence for attributing to Critias, rather than to Euripides, what has come to be known as the Sisyphus fragment, in which the speaker explains the origin of religion as a political device, the gods having been invented to convince would-be miscreants that they are under 24-hour satellite surveillance.

and from the article an interesting chart, based on Plato's reference to atheist views:

(descending arrows = causation
descending lines = species)



To be clear this is based on Plato and not Epicurus, and as such David Sedley doesn't present it as consistent with Epicurus.