

"The Polytheism of the Epicureans" by Paul T. M. Jackson

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Many people seem to take it for granted that [Epicurean gods](#) equate to Zeus and his crowd, and I doubt very much that that is a good assumption at all.

Color me - totally unsure at this point, one way or the other. At least in terms of archetypes that Epicurus would have been familiar with. 🤔

But some abstracted notion of "blissful divinity" (again, whatever that might mean?!) seems - to put it mildly - unsatisfying and unrelatable. From either a realist or idealist perspective. Absent specific associations, merely pluralizing "divinity" would seem to be a semantically empty "difference without distinction."