

"You will not taste death: Jesus and Epicureanism" (Gospel of Thomas Thread)

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speculative transformative sect of Epicureanism—one that opens gates to the heavens and allows eidola to persist and manifest in a metaphysical realm

This *is* quite close to Platonism, where your spirit gets to go live in the star god made for you (so long as you understand your geometry):

"[Plato, Timaeus, 41d fin.] And when He had compounded the whole He divided it into souls equal in number to the stars, and each several soul He assigned to one star, [41e] and setting them each as it were in a chariot He showed them the nature of the Universe, and declared unto them the laws of destiny,—namely, how that the first birth should be one and the same ordained for all, in order that none might be slighted by Him; and how it was needful that they, when sown each into his own proper organ of time, should grow into the most god-fearing of living creatures."

"[42b fin.] And if they shall master these they will live justly, but if they are mastered, unjustly. And he that has lived his appointed time well shall return again to his abode in his native star, and shall gain a life that is blessed and congenial but whoso has failed therein shall be changed into woman's nature at the second birth; and if, in that shape, he still refraineth not from wickedness [42c] he shall be changed every time, according to the nature of his wickedness, into some bestial form..."

To step away from Plato, and into Epíkouros' physics: the *eidola* do persist over time, and can certainly persist and manifest beyond our lifetime. Nevertheless, we do not experience what our *eidola* "experience" [i.e., how they are impacted], nor can our *eidola* (or anything else) manifest in a "metaphysical realm."

Thanks for sharing!