

# Must an Epicurean believe in gods?

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The major problem with casting the gods aside is that doing so challenges Epicurus' view of the anticipations (prolepsis) as a canonic or epistemological faculty parallel to the senses (aisthesis) and feelings (pathe).

Why is this? What relation to the gods have to anticipations?

Thanks for your replies everyone. To be honest, I'm still rather confused on this issue, but I imagine I'll understand better once I've read more epicurean physics (canonics?).

I'm not entirely opposed to the idea of believing in the existence of some non-interventional, mundane, not at all supernatural “gods” on a theoretical basis. The “living between worlds” (intermundia?) part throws me off a bit though.

Do you folks tend to just not think so much about the idea of gods, or how does it play out for you? I suppose it's like you said Cassius - we don't have the full picture of what Epicurus believed on this matter. But still...