

# **What fears does modern science remove, as Epicurean physics did in antiquity?**

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Also, an addendum regarding determinism: current science does breathe fresh life into the debate over free will; however, scientific determinism differs from the theistic determinism of Stoicism or Calvinism. There's no god, whether providential or wrathful, behind the machine. I think this distinction has implications for the emotion of fear. One has reason to tremble in a deterministic universe ruled by a capricious deity or deities. But if God is either non-existent or non-interventionist, one can instead focus on identifying causal conditions and taking appropriate action.