

Prolepsis of the gods

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There's also the prolepsis of justice which doesn't physically exist but "we know it when we *see* it." That one, I've taken to be akin to the innate sense of fairness exhibited by various animals, ex.

<https://youtu.be/meiU6TxysCg?si=TnEwk2LCbupBEaVZ>

Hmm, the concept of an innate justice feels a bit iffy to me, too close to objective morality. Didn't Epicurus say something about how justice is only a social contract in which we agree to neither harm nor be harmed? How does this mesh with the idea of a prolepsis of justice? Perhaps I'm misunderstanding something.