

Prolepsis of the gods

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Thanks for your response Cassius. Your point about Epicurus being a philosopher first is an important one for sure, though I'll admit I'm a little confused on how it all relates back to prolepsis and Meno's paradox. I do see what you're saying about how a theory of knowledge and an understanding that we *can* truly know something is importantly, however.

Let me ask you this: How does prolepsis help defend against skepticism and allow us to be confident in our knowledge?

Additionally, why is prolepsis necessary for us to know certain things? Isn't it possible that we simply learn them from experience? I get that Epicurus had to respond to Meno's paradox, but why didn't he simply disagree with the whole premise that we need to have some foreknowledge of something in order to know it?

Please let me know if I'm misunderstanding something!