

Prolepsis of the gods

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Actually, could somebody take a crack at explaining fundamentally what prolepsis is? Is it innate knowledge that we're born with? I'm more confused than I thought! 😞

[Rolf](#) I've been doing (undoubtedly) superficial research on the internet to get this topic more firmly in my mind. How does this approach sound to make Prolepsis more concrete (ish) by comparing the major schools of the ancient era?

Prolepsis within Epicurus' thought is the acquisition of knowledge, the process that comes from experience through the senses, and truth can be determined from repeated experience and thinking about what we know.

Prolepsis within Plato's (stoic) thought is the acquisition of knowledge from innate sources, divine eternal universal truths.

Prolepsis within Skeptic (Phyrrro) thought is that you can't trust either of the above for definitive acquisition of knowledge since you can't prove either is true.