

Any Recommendations on “The Oxford Handbook of Epicurus and Epicureanism”?

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but focusing on the definition from the Internet on Epicureanism, I'm wondering if his philosophy considers that the simulacra comes from the gods. And then if the gods are indeed influencing mankind's actions in a passive sort of way, isn't this opposite from being indifferent, as I thought Epicurus declared?

"Superman" positively inspired generations of kids, even if he only existed in 64 colors.

"Lady Liberty" continues to wield a torch for many, even if she's fixed in bronze.

So long as we identify "the gods" as *images* ("simulacra", "eidola"), those images, like any other symbols, have measurable impacts on our physical lives. The *image* of Jesus Christ, *itself*, is a **huge** influence to billions of people. "Jesus" doesn't need to "*truly*" exist to have influence.