

Earthly Gods

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There have been lots of discussions on here about the nature of the [Epicurean gods](#) - including the “idealist” versus “realist” interpretations. But, under either interpretation, I have had trouble with the notion that all the gods are beings who exist only in some cosmic “intermundia” (Lucretius). Epicurus would surely have been aware of the very earthly Greek gods, such as Hestia and Demeter, as archetypal representations of earthly elements and functions - and especially Gaia as a divine personification of the earth itself.

In going back through some past discussions, I especially appreciated Elli’s post #12 here: [RE: Epicureans and the Ancient Greek Gods \(Imagery of "Gods" / "Gods Among Men"\)](#)

So, anyway, I just wanted to see if anyone else has some ideas on this ...