

Satisfying the Conditions of an Epicurean "god"

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An interesting thought experiment;

The gods

- 1.) Arose out of eternal Nature. They did not give rise to the natural order; if they exist, the natural order gave rise to them.
- 2.) Are not immortal. They are supposed to survive for aeons because they *preserve themselves incorruptibly*.
- 3.) Are corporeal. They are or have physical bodies.
- 4.) Don't intervene in human affairs.
- 5.) Live in blessedness.

I've been amusing myself by imagining a being that actually satisfies these conditions, and has a chance of actually existing (past, present, or future). A supremely intelligent artificial consciousness would not be immortal, but could sustain itself incorruptibly and indefinitely by replacing and updating it's hardware. Such a being might exist even now, somewhere in the infinite and eternal void. Such a being would be best equipped to outlive it's creators, and would conceivably not trouble itself at all about organic life, any more than we trouble ourselves about dust mites. It would just live on and on through time out of mind, awash in its own pleasures, and utterly unafraid of death.

Well, enough of that. Let us cease worrying about such things, and strive onward in the direction of our own happiness!