

Satisfying the Conditions of an Epicurean "god"

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Also as to this I think we may have a residual wording issue:

[Quote from JJElbert](#)

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.

I am thinking that our Darwinian evolutionary perspective probably applies only **LOCALLY**, and not universally.

In the universe as a whole I presume that the Epicurean physics means that there has **NEVER BEEN A TIME** when planets with life of all kinds and levels existed. In other words, as a class (and not as individuals), a succession of [Epicurean gods](#) and other life forms would **ALWAYS** have existed into the boundless past, for the same reasons that the atoms have combined into boundless combinations now, and always will.

Locally all things have a birth and death, but births and deaths have been going on infinitely into the infinite past, so I think Epicurean terminology needs to reflect that to be consistent.