

Epicurus, gods and God

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The Long essay brings significant nuance to the discussion of chance and necessity. Key takeaways for me:

- Necessity for Epicurus is that certain conditions must be met in order for a given thing to happen, as opposed to the idea that the given thing must happen.
- The swerve has an exponentially greater impact on the atoms of the mind than on atoms of standard matter. This is because (as pointed out in today's Daily Lucretian) atoms composing mind are round, lightweight and quick to move as opposed to standard atoms which are rough, heavier and slow to move. This explains why we have free will while the universe is not in total chaos.

Makes perfect sense, but I hadn't made the connections before reading the essay.