

Epicurus, gods and God

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[Hiram](#), I was actually reading your linked essay, among other things, before starting this thread and was coming to similar conclusions as you did.

As I'm currently understanding the gods, there are several options, including:

- They're theorized from the hierarchy of beings and are probable advanced beings in an infinite universe
- We have a prolepsis of gods. But why couldn't this be simply a concept, similar to justice? To me, this prolepsis doesn't necessitate corporeality. Does a prolepsis mature through various stages (if I'm not mistaken this is DeWitt's take) and if so, wouldn't it be affected by culture?
- The gods are poetry.

None of these, to me, say that the gods are necessary. This goes to Long's idea that Epicurus' necessity is for proper conditions, not an end result. So some version of gods are possible given these conditions, even probable, but are not required.