

# Discussion of the Society of Epicurus' 20 Tenets of 12/21/19

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Exactly Elli, it appears to me that they considered "nothing comes from nothing and nothings goes to nothing" to be the rock on which everything else was based, and in fact at the end of book 1 they say that what is contained there in the atomic discussion is all you need to know to figure all the rest out for yourself -- like a hunting dog!

That "nothing comes from nothing" is a powerful statement. It is coherent. It only tells us that anything that exists must not exist out of nothing. This is also consistent with the idea that atoms and void are infinite. If Epicurus really believes that God exists, this God must not exist out of nothing. Therefore, this God must have been a mortal god. And if he is a mortal god, he must have been at least a super human, but I don't know whether or not Epicurus mentioned about such super human character of the god. In fact, I also don't know whether to use the uppercase "G" or not. And if he isn't super human, why did Epicurus call him God? Is it a form of sarcasm?

I'm just curious because it is no secret to us all what happened to Socrates. In his Apology, we can feel how fatal it was to not believe in the existence of God that some, if not many, philosophers would probably comply with the demand not to eradicate the existence of God in their teachings. I find it odd that Epicurus tells us not to harm others (so that they won't harm us, too, and inflict pain on us) while telling us not to fear the God (because he is harmless). It seems to me that this god is so useless he is close to non-existing entity.

Can any one here enlighten me on this? Don't get me wrong. This is not a Socratic questioning. I am really curious about the matters I have just raised.