

Two Types?

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[Quote from Hiram](#)

this is the idealist view, except that the [Epicurean gods](#) were not creators, they were created by nature.

Not to be argumentative - but it would be helpful for me to point out that this is an example of a difference in approach that I have with Hiram. As far as I know, there is no "idealist view" or "realist view" well defined anywhere outside our current discussion. As far as I am concerned Hiram is welcome to coin a term for his own or S of E use, but I find it confusing to talk as if the term has a recognized meaning that you can look up in the dictionary, or in Cicero, or in some recognized authority. And the ambiguity here is that I cannot tell if Oscar is saying that he believes gods of any kind exist -- elsewhere I see reference that maybe he thinks a god or gods created the universe - and so I just don't think it is helpful to prematurely affix a label on a position that seems amorphous at the moment, and that contains elements that seem to accept some aspects of physical "gods" while rejecting others, especially without strict agreed-upon neutral and findable definitions for what that label means and how the position fits within it.