

# Can Emotions be Trusted?

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Epicurus uses "imperishable" specifically to describe the gods. He may use those terms elsewhere, but that's what I'm remembering right now.

Yep. There's just too many clear statements in the texts to think he was being totally allegorical.

Oh, I don't think he was (necessarily) being allegorical. He clearly states in Menoikeus: θεοί εἰσιν. "Gods exist. There are gods."

But I'm not convinced that the general concept of gods within Epicurean circles was of living beings. Doesn't Sedley talk about the gods being mental constructs? I'm leaning more in that direction. Just because they're mental constructs doesn't mean they don't exist. Natural justice exists. Friendship exists. Why not the gods in the same way?

Talk about a tangent!!