

Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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[ADMIN EDIT BY CASSIUS: This is a new thread, split off from an ongoing conversation, to discuss the general topic the role of "reverence," "awe" and similar feelings in Epicurean Philosophy.]

[Cassius](#), no I am not talking about Greek neo-paganism at all. I'm referring to Stoic teachings on Providence, the Logos, and Nature (a sort of monistic panentheism). The sentiment expressed in Cleanthes' Hymn to Zeus is pretty unique to him. Other Stoics do not anthropomorphise god in this way, except poetically like Lucretius does. I'm not sure how to refer to these type of teachings.

I mention the split in the Stoic community as illustrative of the number of people (myself included) who can't swallow always being told that they are backwards, uneducated, and superstitious because they can't shake the feeling that there must be something bigger or more profound than the human mind in the universe. That's what happened there.