

Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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Susan, the senses and the feelings are different, or Epicurus wouldn't have considered them separately. Although I have called it the "sense" of awe, awe is a feeling, not a true sense. A feeling does not tell us the pepper is red-- it is not that kind of data. It tells us our feeling about a situation-- it does not give us descriptive data of the kind you are describing, such as that you are contacting an "intelligence" which also perceives you.

If we start saying that feelings tell us about physical properties of things we can't see, hear, etc, then we have the door open to whatever any religious person says they "feel" is true about the universe, and we have totally left the realm of material philosophy.

I'm sorry, I'm not sure where I confused the two terms. The senses and feelings are different. The senses just give us raw data, then then, provided there is a prolepsis, or memory, or experience or knowledge, or deduction, then there can be recognition of some sort. The feeling of awe follows recognition of something on some level of consciousness, possibly subconscious. I would not wish to subscribe to a theology based purely on "feeling" or faith.