

Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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One more thought-- a philosophy that puts so much emphasis on observation of nature could never be expected to keep the exact details of how things work the same. Change in those details is embedded in the origin of the project.

This is not neo-Epicurean, because that would mean things like deciding virtue is absolute, without evidence, or that Epicurus wasn't really talking about pleasure, etc. Nothing about re-examining the prolepses is neo, because we are probing nature, as Epicurus did. It reminds me of Lucretius talking about him fearlessly penetrating what nature hides. If we think that need for fearless probing of nature, including our own brains, was a one and done deal, we'd be wrong.