

Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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[Don](#), thank you for the amazing quotes. They add a lot to the picture and I would love to talk about every one of them. Thank you for expressing an interest, too.

A lot of good points have been made and I wonder if what we are looking at is two overarching threads: one in which we are testing the admissibility of each of Epicurus' teachings of a theological nature, and another that instead departs from the premise that there are gods that are worthy of the awe and reverence they inspire, and that it is admissible that more can be said about them of practical value. Certainly, that would also include discussion of the "god-like" stature of Epicurus himself, and of Lucretius' description of Venus, etc. (Nietzsche might fit in there too - I apologize, I really need to read more of him yet.)

I'm just trying to get a handle on what might be a way forward. I would be willing to continue to admass and categorically organize the quotes we can collect from the literature so that individual topics could be examined (e.g. piety, spiritual practice, images from the gods, religious festivals, adoration, etc.), if that would be of value at some point.

Oops, I just saw Cassius' post on wanting to go through the science first re images, etc. So maybe we let that first thread play out for a while first. The topic of applied theology would, after all, require that we have some accepted theology first.