

Reverence and Awe In Epicurean Philosophy

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JJ, I want to be clear on what I mean about the death penalty issue. I think DeWitt explains that there were no tests of faith for these rituals, just a duty to participate. I'm not saying he lied about anything-- I was just referring specifically to attending the rituals. I think it was brought up as evidence of him having personal religious practices, and I was saying well, that may not be evidence of a religious practice the way we would think of it-- hard to know. I'm an atheist and have attended rituals-- I've been to churches. I don't consider that dishonest!

Susan, I can see how that would feel sad... as a "cradle atheist", my sense of awe never got connected to anything I had to let go of. For me, it's more the awe of existence, that we and the universe are here at all-- it's breathtaking. I hope you can connect to that particular pleasure in a new way. That loss is one of the things I find tragic about religion.