

General Identification of the Argument in "On Methods of Inference"

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The paper Don found looks very promising here.

Right now I can only think of one example that applies to Epicurus' theology. It would go something like this:

"All the most virtuous, rational beings we know have human bodies. The gods are virtuous and rational; therefore, they have human bodies."

So, I'm obviously not on board with that. A way better argument from analogy would be:

"All living beings have bodies that are adapted to their environment. Gods live in their own inter-planetary environment; therefore, they have bodies adapted to their environment."

In terms of his logic models that would apply to our understanding of divinity, the reasoning would be more concerned with what counts as a reliable perception. I deal with this a little bit in the "Divinity" forum.