

Simulacra, gods and the dead

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To me, the idea that the gods speak Greek or are individuals or that there is one all-powerful God, when seen as an anticipation, is evidence of the effect of cultural norms on pattern recognition which in turn had an effect on Epicurus' ideas of the gods. Visions of the gods can come from exposure to the myths just as visions of the dead can come from memories of the living.

It's also of great use when considering the anticipations to keep the gods in mind. 😊

This would be elucidated by examining the spiritual feelings of children, perhaps raised by atheists, like myself, or outside of any religious context. If spirituality is innate, you would find some such youth seeking out explanations for their instincts at some point. Or, you may find people raised in one cultural religious context, nevertheless converting to other belief systems that better reflect their instincts.

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