

New Sedley Chapter On Ancient Greek Atheism

Post by "Don" of April 11, 2022 at 12:34 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

The Platonic (?) model implies (at least to me) something more supernatural

I don't believe that's the case.

[History of optics - Wikipedia](#)

"In the fifth century BC, Empedocles postulated that everything was composed of four elements; fire, air, earth and water. He believed that Aphrodite made the human eye out of the four elements and that she lit the fire in the eye which shone out from the eye making sight possible. If this were true, then one could see during the night just as well as during the day, so Empedocles postulated an interaction between rays from the eyes and rays from a source such as the sun. He stated that light has a finite speed."

Lots to wade through on this thread, but my responses will have to wait until tonight.