

# NeoPlatonism Basics Relevant to the Study of Epicurus

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Anyone interested in a very interesting epitome (some might call it a catechism) of late Platonism should read Sallust's little book *On the Gods and the World*, here translated by England's indefatigable arch-neo-platonist Thomas Taylor: [https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Sallust O...s and the World](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Sallust_O...s_and_the_World)

Here we see the fully flowered Platonism developed from Iamblichus and the Chaldaean Oracles, which underpinned the polytheist state religion Emperor Julian attempted to forge. It attempts to synthesize the most rarefied doctrines of Plato and his successors with the diverse cults of Greco-Roman religion.