

Dealing With Electric Grid Disruption

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Also: this is a point I mentioned briefly in the podcast last week and I will try to remember today: Velleius criticizes the platonists (if I have it right) for arguing that something which had a beginning could be endless / eternal. The implication I gather is that everything which is brought together from disparate parts eventually disperses again to those parts. Only the atoms and void have existed "eternally" in that sense.

It seems to me that this is a logical observation that serves as the limit to immortality, rather than a hard limit enforced by some higher power. This might be why Epicurus apparently said that the gods must work to maintain their deathlessness, and that he did not strictly consider them to be "eternal."

But the point is that how long something can stay together in time would be a function of the particular actions and circumstances (biology, technology) of that being, which appears to be at least in part why the gods are held to live in the intemundia as a favorable environment.

As for us, as I see it, that perspective would mean that we should want to continue to live as long as our circumstances allow more pleasure than pain. The point we leave the theatre because the play ceases to please us is practical and dependent on health and all other circumstances, not a hard limit set by some inflexible higher force.