

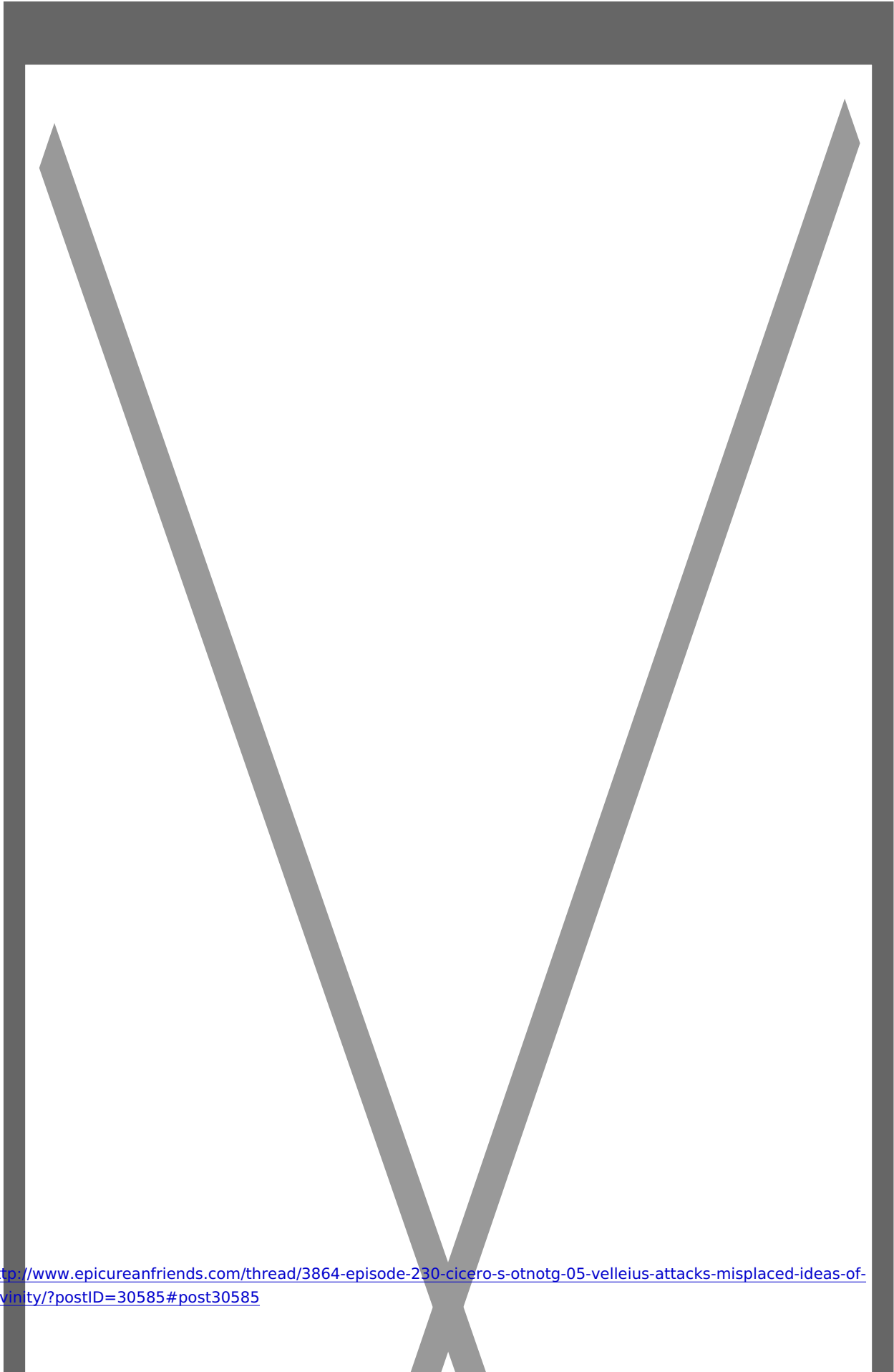
# Episode 230 - Cicero's OTNOTG - 05 - Velleius Attacks Misplaced Ideas of Divinity

Post by "Cassius" of May 25, 2024 at 6:06 PM

In regard to the comment that has been referenced recently that Voltaire is recorded to have praised "On The Nature of the Gods" very highly, I've found this on wikipedia:

This work, alongside [De Officiis](#) and [De Divinatione](#), was highly influential on the [philosophes](#) of the 18th century. [David Hume](#) was familiar with the work and used it to style his own [Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion](#).<sup>[17]</sup> [Voltaire](#) described *De Natura Deorum* and the [Tusculan Disputations](#) as "the two most beautiful books ever produced by the wisdom of humanity".<sup>[18]</sup>

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[De Natura Deorum - Wikipedia](#)

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The footnote for that is:

'Les deux plus beaux ouvrages qu'ait jamais écrits la sagesse qui n'est qu'humaine' [Voltaire, "Cicéron", *Dictionnaire philosophique* (1764); *Œuvres complètes* (Garnier) 18:181]