

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

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I don't think we can be aware of ourselves without something external to us

Further, we have no non-relative "view from nowhere" (a so-called "god's eye view") from which to be aware of anything. This is ultimately what is behind the existentialist dictum "existence precedes essence" -- i.e., we can not even consider how things "really (essentially) are" except from some relative perspective(s). I am thinking here of the existentialist perspectivism of Spanish philosopher Jose Ortega y Gasset (but Nietzsche was also on to it).