

Episode 234 - Cicero's OTNOTG - 09 - Dealing With Marcus Aurelius And The Canonical Basis For the Epicurean View Of Divinity

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To tie together *the immediate impression of the anticipation* with the scholia's "*conceived of through contemplation by reasoning*," we have Epicurus, On Nature, Book 25:

[Sedley 20C.1] From the very outset we always have seeds: some directing us towards these, some towards those, some towards these *and* those actions and thoughts and characters, in greater and smaller numbers. Consequently that which we develop – characteristics of this or that kind – is at first absolutely up to us; and the things which of necessity flow in through our passages from that which surrounds us are at one stage up to us and depend upon beliefs of our own making...

Sedley construction, Book 25, P.Herc. 1056 col. 21 (fr. B 43): ...[ἐκ] τε [τῆς πρώτης ἀρχῆς σπέρμ[ατα ἡμῖν ἀγ]ωγά, τὰ μὲν εἰς τάδ[ε] τὰ δ' εἰς τὰδε τὰ δ' εἰς ἄμφω [ταῦ]τά [ἐ]στιν ἀεὶ [καὶ] πρά[ξι]ων [καὶ] διανοήσεων καὶ διαθέ[σε]ων καὶ πλε[ί]ων καὶ ἐλάττωι. ὥστε παρ' ἡμᾶς π[ρ]ώτον] ἀπλῶς τὸ ἀπογεγεννημένον ἤδη γείνεσθαι, [τ]οῖα ἢ τοῖα, καὶ τ[ὰ ἐ]κ τοῦ περιέχοντος κ[α]τ' ἀνάγκην διὰ τοὺς πό[ρους]] εἰσρέο[ν]τα [παρ'] ἡμᾶς π[ο]τε γει[ν]εσθαι καὶ παρὰ τ[ὰς]] ἡμε[τέρα]ς [ἐ]ξ ἡμῶν αὐτ[ῶν] δόξ[ας]...