

Balbus (Middle period Stoic)

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TEXT 30: Cicero *On the Nature of the Gods* 2.3-164 (selections)

3. Then Balbus [the Stoic] said, "I shall indulge you, and deal with things as briefly as I can; indeed, once one has exposed the errors of Epicurus my speech is stripped of all [excuse for] length. Our school exhaustively divides this whole question about the immortal gods into four parts: first they teach that there are gods, then what they are like, then that the cosmos is governed by them, and finally that they take thought for the affairs of human beings."

. The Stoics Reader: Selected Writings and Testimonia (Hackett Classics)