

VS29 - Interpreting VS29

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

What's generally wrong with Oracles?

My take was that oracles are often misunderstood by people because of their cryptic pronouncements.

"If you go to war, a great empire will fall" (Oh, it's my empire and not my enemy)

"Rely on your wooden walls!" (Oh, the Oracle means to rely on our ships!)

"Socrates is the wisest!"

I take it that Epicurus called it like he saw it but was often misunderstood by the hoi polloi. But he didn't worry about that but tried to be as frank as possible: [Death is nothing to us!](#) Oh he can't mean that there's no life after death. We don't like that.