

Episode 229 - Cicero's OTNOTG - 04 - Velleius Continues His Attack On Intelligent Design

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Ok Joshua and others, we now have an intersection of two discussions: (1) On the Nature of the Gods, and (2) The Monkey Typewriter Theorem! We'll work to answer this by next Sunday!

[Quote from Wikipedia](#)

One of the earliest instances of the use of the "monkey metaphor" is that of French mathematician [Émile Borel](#) in 1913,^[1] but the first instance may have been even earlier. [Jorge Luis Borges](#) traced the history of this idea from [Aristotle's *On Generation and Corruption*](#) and [Cicero's *De Natura Deorum* \(On the Nature of the Gods\)](#), through [Blaise Pascal](#) and [Jonathan Swift](#), up to modern statements with their iconic simians and typewriters.^[2] In the early 20th century, Borel and [Arthur Eddington](#) used the theorem to illustrate the timescales implicit in the foundations of [statistical mechanics](#).

Looks to me like we're making good progress and will be able to unwind this question here:

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[**RE: New Article Attacking Epicurean Physics: "Science Versus the Oldest Anti-Intelligent Design Argument "**](#)

[...]

So what IS this guy's point? Is he arguing for intelligent design? A quick scan of the website "about" section does not make clear the site's orientation.

OK I guess the site does contain clues:

epicureanfriends.com/wcf/attachment/4738/

This link originally came up through a Google search, so that's how I found it.



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