

# Episode 227 - Cicero's OTNOTG - 02 - Velleius Begins His Attack On Traditional Views Of The Gods

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## [Quote from Don](#)

My understanding of the "idealist" position is that each person can have their own conception of the best blessed life possible, and that is \*their\* "god." That, to me, is part of the significance of those singular "god"s in Menoikeus. That kind of "god" is deathless because you can't kill an idea.

I guess like Don I'm more sympathetic to the 'idealist camp,' though I do tend to think the conception is probably shared rather than particular (or at least \*more\* shared than particular).

I suppose what puzzles me about the idea that we should aim to be like the gods is that it might seem perfectly sufficient to aim to be like the \*sage.\* If, for example, the sage expresses gratitude, but the gods do not (KD 1), then shouldn't I want to be like the sage because I am human?