

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

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Thanks, Bryan. I think that helps me better understand your view. So it makes sense to me (and I think there's textual evidence to suggest) that Epicurus might think the intellect, like the sensory organs, receives *eidola* ('films') of an intelligible variety. And if that were true, the intellect, like the eyes, 'perceives' the objects. Then we could say that intellect and sensation really are closely tied, as Joshua was suggesting. But then a complete perception of an object would involve a faculty of intellect, right, not only sensory organs?

And a general concept (e.g., 'horse') that serves as the starting point for investigation, doesn't that require repeated experiences, if not of horses, then of animals other than horses with which to contrast it? And would that not require memory? So if there is a 'criterion' of horse, then it seems to me that it must depend on thought and memory. And I admit that I think that if Epicurus doesn't think that, then I'm not sure his view is plausible.