

Episode 241 - Cicero's OTNOTG 16 - A Common Thread Between The Epicurean View Of "The Gods" and "The Good"

Post by "Cassius" of August 16, 2024 at 6:53 AM

1 - Ok adding to the mix on the discussion of what might be "between the worlds," I guess i should have said that what could be there is a "quasi-planet!" 😊 Actually now that I think about it, it does seem to be important to what Velleius is saying that the gods are not of firm solid shape, so I suppose that doesn't require a firm solid planet to stand on.

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[Quote from Don](#)

I said I was going to respond to some of Twentier 's thoughts on prayer.

Going back behind that statement -- what authorities do we have that Epicurus said that we should "pray" to a god? I'm thinking that anything that exists is later and of less authority, more like someone like Horace talking about asking gods what he can't provide for himself. Are there other more specific references?

I think I remember how this line of thought got started in this thread, (What good is a god that is just a dream?), followed by some references to Christian prayer and then that Epicurean theology is hard to make sense of. While I don't read Twentier as suggesting "prayer" to [Epicurean gods](#), I can see how someone skimming the entirety of this thread casually, including Don's detailed explanations above, might get confused. Probably it's worthwhile to be clear about this:

Twentier could you clarify your thoughts about what you think the ancient Epicurean toward prayer was?