

Episode 277 - TD07 - Platonism Says This World Is Darkness But The Next World Is Light - Epicurus Disagrees!

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Something that impressed me when I looked up Cicero on the Wikipedia page, to get some background on the man so frequently mentioned here on the forum, was how calmly he took his own impending death. He must have really believed he was going to a better place. The last few episodes here explain his thinking.

[Cicero - Wikipedia](#)

>>As reported by [Seneca the Elder](#), according to the historian [Aufidius Bassus](#), Cicero's last words are said to have been:

Quote

Ego vero consisto. Accede, veterane, et, si hoc saltim potes recte facere, incide cervicem.

I go no further: approach, veteran soldier, and, if you can at least do so much properly, sever this neck. [\[121\]](#)

He bowed to his captors, leaning his head out of the litter in a gladiatorial gesture to ease the task. By baring his neck and throat to the soldiers, he was indicating that he would not resist. According to Plutarch, Herennius first slew him, then cut off his head.<<