

Episode 255 - Cotta Argues That Epicurean Gods Are As Despicable As Are Epicureans Themselves - Cicero's OTNOTG 30

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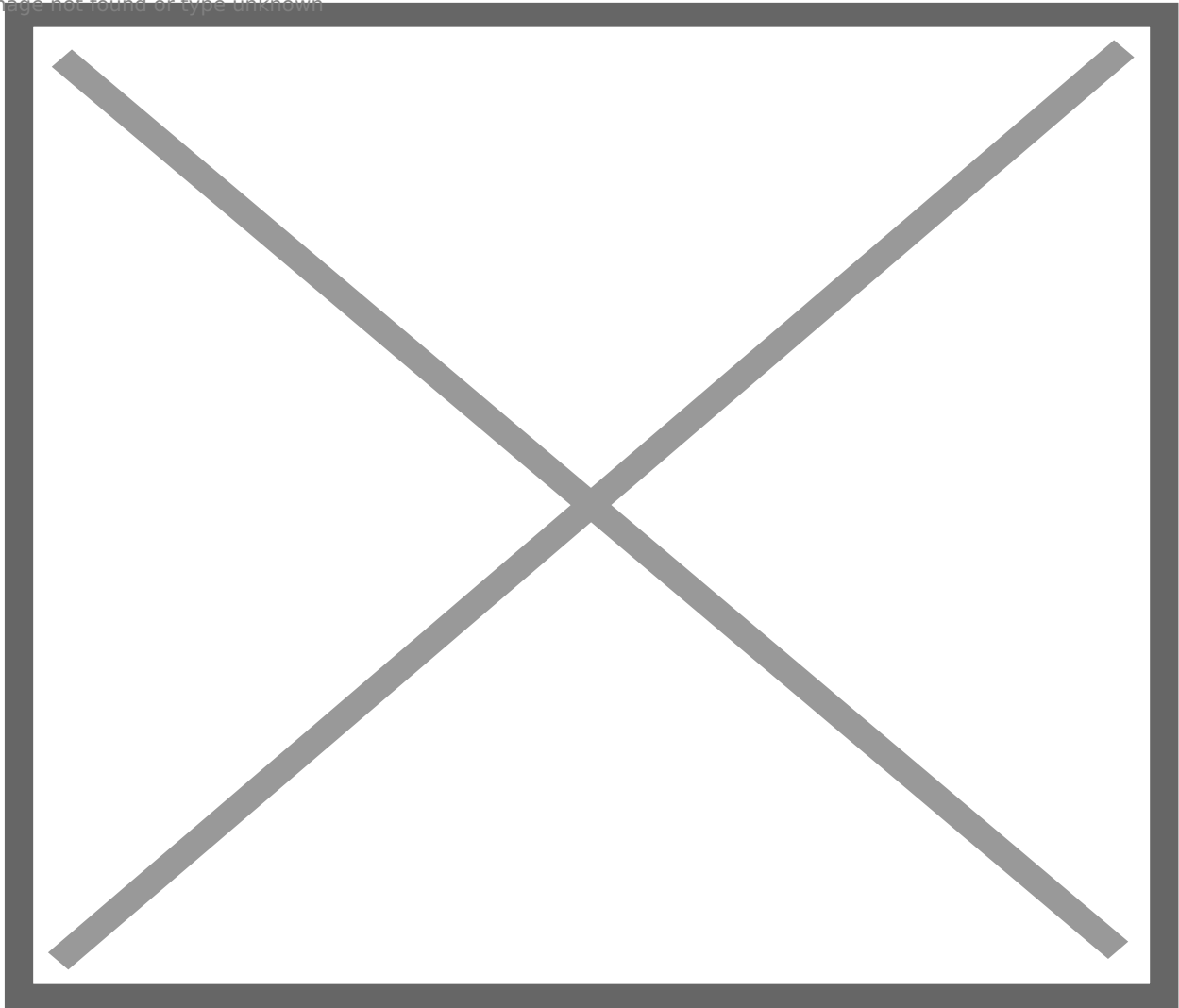
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The question of the role of 'God' in allowing the evil of war continues to play out in this NYT article ["Where Is God in Gaza?"](#)

Quote

The war's grotesque details, live-streamed around the world, are an example of "**the problem of evil**," an idea attributed to the Greek philosopher **Epicurus**. It's an issue that has vexed people throughout history as they tried to reconcile the existence of suffering with the belief in a benevolent God.

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The author doesn't discuss what Epicurus meant by "the problem of evil", or how she would contrast the Epicurean view on wars fought over different religious beliefs.

It would have made for a more interesting article if the author addressed the question from Diogenes.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

On account of what kind of gods, then, will human beings be righteous? For they are not righteous on account of the real ones or on account of Plato's and

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Socrates' Judges in Hades.