

Velleius - Epicurus On The True Nature Of Divinity - New Home Page Video

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I finished listening just now. I enjoyed this audio and found it easily understandable, especially with the subtitles.

My first reaction to Cicero's style while writing as Vellius, was that he could have been a writer for the late American comedian George Carlin. Real biting logic and cynical style of humor to make his points. I was intrigued on several practical points as I listened, so, to our Epicurean friends, can you answer some history questions for me?

- How could Cicero know so much detail of the views of so many Greek thinkers on the divinities he referred to in this narrative?
 - Were these views in kept in writings widely owned by people like Cicero?
 - If he wrote this in the last two years of his life, how did he have time to collect and actually study those others, and then write so specifically and style-wise authoritatively?
 - Where might he have found the time to compile his notes, too?
 - Or was he not so conversant about the others, and rather was he willing to exaggerate their views to make his argumentative points while speaking as Vellius?