

**READING 42** Cicero here talks about the nature of the soul (*animus*), which the Stoics believed was made of fire (sometimes a kind of fiery breath), and about why it rises quickly into the heavens above the denser and more compact air near the earth.

Accēdit ut facilius animus **ēvādat** ex hōc āere ... eumque perrumpat, quod nihil est animō  
**vēlōcius**, nūlla est **celeritās** quae possit cum animī celeritāte contendere. quī sī **permanet**  
**incorruptus** suīque similis, necesse est ita ferātur, ut **penetret** et **dīvidat** omne caelum  
hoc, in quō nūbēs imbrēs ventīque cōguntur, quod et ūmidum et cāliginōsum est propter  
exhālātiōnēs terrae.

*Vocabulary:*

accēdit ut	“it is also true that”	penetrō, -āre	to penetrate, pierce
ēvādō, -ere	to escape	dīvidō, -ere	to break open, divide
āēr, āeris <i>m.</i>	air	imber, -bris <i>m.</i>	rain
perrumpō, -ere	to break through	ūmidus, -a, -um	moist, damp
vēlōx, vēlōcis	swift	cāliginōsus,	misty, foggy
celeritās, -tātis <i>f.</i>	speed	-a, -um	
contendō, -ere	to compare	exhālātiō, -iōnis <i>f.</i>	evaporation
permaneō, -ēre	to last, remain		
incorruptus, -a, -um	uncorrupted, genuine		