

Episode One Hundred Seventeen - Letter to Herodotus 06 - The Doctrine of Infinity of Worlds And Its Implications

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Just a note before we record this episode:

The next topic is "infinity of worlds" which is a great topic, but it is unfortunately very short here. Maybe we can look for the corresponding section in Lucretius.

But what follows that is a long discussion of "images" - which at this point in our discussions of Epicurus I think we see more as a discussion of epistemology and what goes on inside the brain than we do as a question of cosmic rays or the like. Unfortunately it's a long section so maybe what we can do is discuss it mostly in terms of "pattern matching" so we can get something more out of it, especially since the last thought of the section is:

"[52] Therefore we must do our best to keep this doctrine in mind, in order that on the one hand the standards of judgment dependent on the clear visions may not be undermined, and on the other error may not be as firmly established as truth and so throw all into confusion."