

# Innovations/Updates in Epicurus Philosophy

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## [Quote from Matteng](#)

Where every new scientific discovery/ fact makes religion views „weaker“, Epicurean Philosophy becomes more „stronger“ or more convincing because of insisting on evidence and coherence within nature.

Yes all of these discussions are of interest. The dividing line becomes one of appreciating that Epicurus was not ultimately taking positions on the latest developments in experimental theories then or now. It is very easy to confuse people with sweeping statements such as "We now know that there is 'energy' and other 'forces' which are not explicitly referenced in Epicurus' discussion of nature so his viewpoint is obsolete and irrelevant to ours."

Those kinds of statements show that the person making them has little to no appreciation of how Epicurus was actually approaching these issues. Even in his own time Epicurus was dealing with the ever-increasing accumulation of data. We will see that for example when we get to Philodemus' "On Signs." Everyone knew even then that there were parts of the world that they had not seen themselves, and that as a result they had to take a position on what 'knowledge' means to human beings, who always have limited data.

More directly as to physics, taking a position that infinite divisibility of matter is logically impossible, or that the universe as a whole is infinite in space or eternal in time, says nothing about the current state of what our scientists have found to date *as to the parts of matter, space, or time that they themselves have to that point examined*. Epicurus was talking about logical theory, and not the latest in the unending series of discoveries that is always going on.

Keeping those categories separate and clear is essential to having a practical understanding of the Epicurean approach.