

Movement, Direction, and Speed of Atoms - Do Atoms Fall "Down?" Is the "Swerve" Required To Bring Them Together Into Bodies?

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Admin Note: On 12/12/24 the name of this thread was expanded so that it can be used to extend conversation on this topic. The original title was simply "Atoms Fall 'Down.'" The title now refers to other aspects of movement as well so we can include reference to the movement of atoms also in the context of bodies and images.

I'm not sure how applicable this might be, but just watched a Vsauce video on the meaning of "Down". Since Epicurus maintained that atoms fall "down" unless they "swerve" I found Michael's explanation of "down" interesting. I never put this much thought into it... Which makes the Vsauce channel so enjoyable!

Here you go:

<https://youtu.be/Xc4xYacTu-E>