

Tactical Question for the Group Re Terminology In Discussing Reason and Logic

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[Cassius](#) extending the senses is entirely different from realizing that matter can be transformed into energy. There is also not really any known void in the way Epicurus described it, because of energy fields. When it comes to energy, if you want to make it the same as what Epicurus said, you've either got to classify it as matter OR as void -- it can't work as both in his model. If you want to include it in matter, then you need to admit he was wrong on void. If you include it in void, then there is something from nothing. Moreover, the Big Bang models that say the "something" that everything started from did not take up any space and that time didn't exist-- this is dramatically different from Epicurus' idea of "something". It's really not possible to stretch his descriptions to fit something so different.

His model no longer works as described, even though it is a clear precursor, and a brilliant one. I feel pretty confident that if he were here today, he would tell you the current description of reality built on what he thought but is also substantially different.

All that is necessary for the pain and pleasure understanding, pleasure as a goal, is observations of one's self and others. Neurobiology is sufficient. That wouldn't change even if there were meddling gods-- in that case, we would still be trying to gain pleasure, lol.

But what is necessary for _accurate_ choices for pleasure is an accurate understanding of reality, and since that does not include meddling gods or an afterlife, we make our choices with that knowledge. None of the modern physics theories include meddling gods or supernatural realms. That is sufficient to be confident we don't need to include such issues in our life planning.