

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

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For Lucretius is the blame as he confused Parmenides with Epicurus. 😊

Nothing comes from nothing ([Greek](#): οὐδὲν ἐξ οὐδενός; [Latin](#): *ex nihilo nihil fit*) is a philosophical [dictum](#) first argued by [Parmenides](#).

The Roman poet and philosopher [Lucretius](#) expressed this principle in his first book of [De Rerum Natura](#) (*On the Nature of Things*)

But by observing Nature and her laws. And this will lay
The warp out for us—her first principle: **that nothing's brought
Forth by any supernatural power out of naught.**
For certainly all men are in the clutches of a dread—
Beholding many things take place in heaven overhead
Or here on earth whose causes they can't fathom, they assign
The explanation for these happenings to powers divine.
Nothing can be made from nothing—once we see that's so,
Already we are on the way to what we want to know.

He then continues on discussing how matter is required to make matter and that objects cannot spring forth without reasonable cause.

For if things were created out of nothing, any breed
Could be born from any other; nothing would require a seed.
People could pop out of the sea, the scaly tribes arise
Out of the earth, and winged birds could hatch right from the skies.
Born willy-nilly, every animal, both wild and tame,
Would inhabit cultivated land and wilderness the same.
The same tree would not always grow the same fruit—what might bear
An apple one time, might, the next, produce a quince or pear.
Since there would be no generating particles, then neither
Would certain things arise from only a certain kind of mother.
But since in fact each species rises from specific seeds,
Each thing springs from the source that has the matter that it needs,
The primary particles, and comes into the boundaries
Of light, and that's the reason every thing cannot give rise

To every other thing, because there is a separate power
In distinct things.