

# What holds me back from embracing EP

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The most fundamental assertion here is PN03 - "The universe consists of solid bodies and void." As appealing as EP is to me, it seems the entire philosophy is built on that statement. For me, it is a stumbling block as I still wonder about other ways of seeing the universe.

So my question here is this - is it accepted within the community that it's an indisputable fact that "there is nothing other than atoms and void", or is it thought to be a belief that may or may not be true or provable?

It is this question that holds me back from buying into EP fully since I see other ideas such as the eastern notion that "all is Mind (consciousness or spirit)" as among those other ways of seeing the structure of reality. I cannot shake the idea that we don't actually know the truth about the real nature of everything, so we make choices about it. One of these choices is certainly PN03, but it's not the only one.

I personally am confronted with what I think of as "the Mystery" since no matter what set of ideas, religious beliefs, etc. one encounters, there is a point at which I have to admit "I don't know". Going beyond this into "I know" is where all the dangers of religions lay. "Beware - beyond this there be dragons".

So, do Epicureans know there are only atoms and void, or do they believe this.

Note - I am sincere in this question and not trying to be clever or manipulative.