

A Challenge To Epicurean Thinking Grounded in Epistemology and Physics

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I find it difficult to understand that in the era of the atom bomb, anyone can say we don't know whether or not atoms exist.

However, I would say that we don't know whether atoms (and void) are ALL that exists. It is the idea that there could be something other than material existence, that in my view is a more accurate way to think about this question. In this case, I think can say that we don't know.

Since we do know that atoms exist, this basis for Epicurean philosophy remains sound. Even if we were to discover some other thing that supercedes or is a substrata for atoms, it would not negate the reality of atoms and void. Because they still exist and are functioning to combine in the multitude of ways that create physical reality regardless of anything else that may exist.

I'm not sure if any speculation about what may or may not be beyond atoms/void actually matters.

We still have to pursue our own happiness and enjoyment of life on our own.