

Episode One Hundred Fourteen - Letter to Herodotus 03 - The Starting Point of Physics

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When we record this episode, I'd like to propose that since:

(1) this letter to Epicurus is a high-level outline, and

(2) we've already gone through the process in the earlier episodes of Lucretius of comparing Epicurus' views with modern physics,

I'd like to see us discuss this section in sort of a "Reconstructionist" or "Survivalist" mode: in other words, trying to be sure that we capture what Epicurus was thinking, and how he was fitting things together for his own thought processes.

That way we end up not only with a more accurate version of what Epicurus was thinking, but we also produce a "higher level" set of principles that will be easier for most non-experts to grasp. In that sense we'll produce more of a "survivalist" tool -- something we can use when we're under pressure, or we're talking to young people, or for some reason we don't have access to the technical material.