

# Episode One Hundred Fifteen - Letter to Herodotus 04 - Atoms, Void, and Basic Epistemology Issues

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"It is upon sensation that reason must rely when it attempts to infer the unknown from the known." (End of verse 39)

καθ' ἣν ἀναγκαῖον τὸ ἄδηλον τῷ λογισμῷ τεκμαίρεσθαι:

τῷ λογισμῷ (Dative case) = through logismōi

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, λογ-ισμός](#)

τὸ ἄδηλον = "the unseen; what is not evident to the senses"

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, ἄδηλος](#)

τεκμαίρεσθαι = "to judge by signs and tokens"

It does not appear that the phrase "the unknown from the known" is actually in the Greek. The only word is τὸ ἄδηλον "the unseen" so the actual paraphrase would be something like "it is necessary to judge the unseen through reasoning" while also calling back to the previous phrase that talks about the senses.