

Episode One Hundred Nineteen - Letter to Herodotus 08 - More On Perception Through The Atoms

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A thought on the inconceivability of visible atoms: according to Epicurus, things are visible because they constantly emit thin films of atoms. But a single atom can't emit a film smaller than itself and is therefore not visible in the ordinary sense.

BUT, this raises the question of how we could even tell whether huge atoms exist. Since we can't see them anyway, how can we rule out the existence of basketball sized atoms? Is there a contradiction here?