

Daily Interactions With The Non-Epicurean World

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Godfrey's meditations on the atomic universe reminds me of Nietzsche's answer to the eternal recurrence, as found in *De Rerum Natura*. Rather than denying our connection to the eternal recurrence Nietzsche asks us to examine our life and make it worthy of living again. 'This life as you now live it and have lived it, you will have to live once more and innumerable times more; and there will be nothing new in it, but every pain and every joy and every thought and sigh and everything unutterably small or great in your life will have to return to you, all in the same succession and sequence—even this spider and this moonlight between the trees, and even this moment and I myself. The eternal hourglass of existence is turned upside down again and again, and you with it, speck of dust!' The question in each and every thing, 'Do you desire this once more and innumerable times more?' would lie upon your actions as the greatest weight. Or how well disposed would you have to become to yourself and to life?"