

# Democritus' "Nothing is truly real but atoms and void" statement

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[Lucretius, On the Nature of Things, Book 3 \(English Text\)](#)

On the Nature of Things, Book 3:

In considering these things, [370]

you cannot accept at all the theory

in the revered views of great Democritus

that individual primary particles

of body and of soul are put in place,

alternating one after the other,

and shape our limbs, holding them together.(12)

(12) Democritus (c. 460 BC-c.370 BC), a Greek philosopher, is credited as the first to propose a detailed atomic theory. Democritus claimed that atoms of body and soul were equal in number and united in pairs throughout the human body