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careful to say "atoms resembling those of wind and heat." * Next, by naming four ingredients Lucretius has encouraged the notion that the number four was canonical with Epicurus as with Empedocles and Aristotle, which is incorrect. Even the name of the famous fourfold remedy, the tetrapharmacon, was not of Epicurean origin; Epicurus would never have compared his doctrines to a household concoction of wax, tallow, pitch, and resin.