

The Concept of Time: Physics and Perception

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I think as usual Epicurus is getting to what is really important for us to understand about time as a natural phenomena of human life, as opposed to how we can twist ourselves into pretzels of logic or mysticism trying to dissect and define time.

Probably that segment could be made a lot more clear to us by approaching it in that manner and looking more closely at the Greek to see exactly what he is contrasting his own view against.

Why should we NOT look to time as a "general conception?" (Is that or is that not referring to an anticipation?)

What other possible "predicates" should we avoid attaching to time, and who is doing that and why?

And again in the last sentence we have use of "accident" which might be better thought of as "incident" or "event" (which removes the 'chance' connotation but still considers time as a "quality") rather than an eternal unchanging attribute like atoms have.