

The Twelve Fundamentals - Discussion on Lucretius Today Podcast

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I'd also like to submit the idea that the word "**wiggle**" is the best available English word to describe the seemingly-random movements of particles due to internal motion that lead to collisions. 😊

Recently, I've been thinking to myself that (*outside of Epicurean discussions*) I only ever invoke the word "swerve" when referring to (1) the object of "my car", and (2) "an intentional re-direct to avoid a collision". The *clinamen* is a proposition that explains why collisions occurred in the first place, so "swerve" in my vernacular is devilishly misleading.

Other candidates might include "**jerk**", "**shimmy**", "**twitch**", and "**wag**". 😜

"**Twerk**" might be even more potent. Particles "twerk".