

# The Twelve Fundamentals - Discussion on Lucretius Today Podcast

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I should also add that this is all somewhat academic - fun! but academic - since atoms as we know them today are \*not\* the same ATOMOI about which Epicurus wrote 2,300 years ago. My take has always been that it's important to recognize that Epicurus was talking about everything in the universe being composed of matter without the need for any intervention from mystical, supernatural forces. Whether "atoms fall straight down" or not has no bearing on whether Epicurus's philosophy is applicable to living a modern life. What \*does\* have bearing and is directly applicable is whether we accept Epicurus's axiom that we live in a material universe which is ordered in such a way as to have no need of any divine "clockmaker" to make it all run. That, to me, is one of the primary imports of getting a handle on the Physics.