

The Twelve Fundamentals - Discussion on Lucretius Today Podcast

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Good work, @Nate . That's a good summary list. I started doing this a while back and never went back to finish. Thanks for taking the bull by the horns!

A question and an observation:

Are you positing a difference between these two?

[Quote from Nate](#)

Everything radiates tiny, sensible particles. (EH 46.1-47.2)

Particles flow from things constantly. (EH 48.1-6)

Those seem to be the same. I didn't realize that section on images/eidolon was so long.

I'm still curious (and a curiosity likely never assuaged) as to what the 12 basics referred to: physics, sensations, etc. We have nothing other than those words εν ταις δωδεκα στοιχείωματα.

[Quote from Nate](#)

the 40 ΔΟΞΑΙ,

I'm still not convinced that there are actually 40 [Principal Doctrines](#). With the text initially being in prose form, I think some of those 40 split up thoughts needlessly, creating arcane sounding principles where it's better understood in the context of a paragraph. There was 12 something referred to in the text, but I don't remember ever reading an ancient source referring specifically to 40 Doctrines.

Another good task for someone would be to reestablish the PDs in textual form and not a list.