

The Twelve Fundamentals - Discussion on Lucretius Today Podcast

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I think primordial is the wrong word. (I'm now waiting for Don or Nate to go find where Epicurus used exactly that word 😊)

I think the image of atoms falling in parallel was an imaginary construction Epicurus used as evidence that there must be a swerve. I don't think it was intended to describe an actually existing state of the universe.

If there were no swerve, there would never be anything other than isolated atoms falling in parallel. Nothing more complex than individual atoms would ever come into existence. But other things do exist. Therefore...