

# Lucretius' Expressions of Epicurus' Atomoi

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I believe I have found several places in *The Lives of Eminent Philosophers, Book X* where atoms are referred to something other than **ἄτομος** (*and declensions thereof*). Here are those found in *Ep. Her.* and *Pyth.*:

ΑΤΟΜΑ — “elements” (Bailey), “particles” (Munro)

ΑΤΟΜΟΙ — “atoms” (Bailey)

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ΑΤΟΜΟΣ — “atom” (Bailey)

ΑΤΟΜΟΥΣ — “first beginnings”, “atoms” (Bailey)

ΑΤΟΜΩΜΟΝ — “atoms” (Bailey)

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ΑΤΟΜΩ — “atom” (Bailey)

Here are additional words (I believe) used in extant texts to refer to the eternal, indivisible particles, namely, declensions of **μέρος** (*méros* or “parts”), **ὄγκος** (*ónkos* or “mass”), and **λεπτός** (*leptós* or “minute”).

ΛΕΠΤΟΜΕΡΗΣ — “fine particles” (Hicks)

ΣΧΗΜΑΤΙΣΜΟΣ — “atoms” (Hicks)

ΣΧΗΜΑΤΙΣΜΟΥ — “atoms” (Hicks)

ΜΕΡΙΣΙΝ — “certain particles” (Hicks)

ΟΜΟΥΡΗΣΙΝ — “certain particles” (Hicks)

ΟΓΚΟΙ — “particles” (Hicks)

ΟΓΚΟΥΣ — “atoms” or “parts” (Hicks)

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**Have you come across any other words in ancient Greek that refer to “atoms”?**