

# What Would Epicurus Think of the Big Bang?

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I am struck by the comments of thatchickinpa regarding the **Hercules-Corona Borealis Great Wall**. It drove me to a little bit of research.

It is an interesting structure, and I find it fascinating. But as you probably saw, there is doubt whether it even exists. More studies are needed using the THESEUS satellite which won't be put into orbit for at least another decade.

I am curious why you chose the quotes you did. Do you feel that they support your point?

If so, I will ask the same thing as before - how are these sourced? When I plug them into google, the first and third are referenced in two websites - one I've never heard of, the other simple wikipedia - neither which are sourced themselves. The second looks like it is from HuffPo where the scientist is just basically saying "I don't know how it came into existence" which is quite common in most scientific fields for new discoveries. More data is needed.

And the blurbs themselves aren't claiming or denying anything about the structure itself & the Big Bang, and therefore have no evidence attached to them.

My point is not to convince you or anyone else to accept the Big Bang as true. It is for those stumbling onto this thread who may not be sure to always question the facts presented, their sources, whether the points presented are cherrypicked, etc. While not believing the Big Bang happened probably won't hurt anyone, there are other cases of other science denial that could cause a lot of pain.

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In this presentation around the 45 minute mark that's where this really pops up. He starts talking about "universe" and seems to be referring to "observable universe" though the terminology to a layman is still as it was 2000 years ago - universe means everything.

I don't mean to sound like Cicero criticizing Epicurus, because it's perfectly acceptable to re-define your terms if you are going to be clear about it.

I haven't viewed it yet, but most physicists use "universe" as a shorthand for "observable universe". I think its because not much is really known about the universe outside of what can be observed, so it can be safely assumed. It is confusing for those outside the field though. IMO

most technical experts are generally poor at communicating their findings outside of their fields.