

# What Determines That Which Is Possible And That Which is Impossible?

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It did sound snippy [Cassius](#), but not in any personal sense. I think you sensed that we are approaching the thorny issue of dogmatism. One thing that is much more important for me than the defence of the Epicurean position is testing my own ability to remain critical. We have issues like the laughable attacks of Cicero, who refuses to understand the meaning of pleasure or pretends not to understand.

But then we have issues like coarseness and colours of atoms. We can say that we don't have a direct evidence that Epicurus himself thought that some atoms are coarse. Or we could say that he means something else that is more in-line with our present understanding of how atoms work. But these are just justifications where no justification is required. My point is: you cannot avoid people ridiculing without understanding. The only way to do that is the introduction of blasphemy as a concept. We know where that leads.