

What Did the Ancient Epicureans Think Were The Upper And Lower Limits of Atomic Size?

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We also have Laertius 43a. "for [Epíkouros] states that division [of atoms] does not happen further ad infinitum, even though (as he says) the Qualities are transformed - unless Someone is also going to extend those [atoms] completely ad infinitum in [terms of] size"

and Laertius 44b. "He says within [his books], that no Quality at all for the atoms exists except shape, size, and weight - that Color varies with the position of the atoms, he states in the *Twelve Elementary Principles* - and that concerning them every Size does not exist: never, at least, has an Atom ever been perceived by sensation"