

# Eric's personal outline

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## [Quote from Eric](#)

As far as I can observe and reason, the universe consists of atoms, void, energy and forces.

I know you said you don't represent your views on this topic as orthodox Epicurean, but your phrasing here made me think of an issue that applies outside your routine:

I see a parallel between the best way to discuss tranquility and pleasure and that of discussing atoms and void:

In Epicurean terms tranquility and all other nonpainful experiences are thought of as falling under "pleasure."

Likewise, energy and forces are best thought of as falling under "atoms" since as Epicurus meant the term it was simply indivisible particle, and we use "atom" to refer to a particular arrangement of particles "above" atoms.

Not suggesting you need to think that way yourself.....just thinking out loud about terminology.