

# No Supernatural Entities, Forces, or Powers and No Ghosts

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## [Quote from Kalosyni](#)

I have been thinking about how important it is to be grounded in a realistic worldview of matter and phenomenon having natural causes. Back in the September first Monday Zoom, we discussed what this worldview should be labeled, and the consensus in that meeting was the label "materialism". However I see a problem with that label because it has a double meaning (the belief that money and material possessions are the most important thing in life - which is not what Epicureans believe at all) and wondering if we could come up with a better label.

There IS a better label Kalosyni! 😊

## [Physicalism - Wikipedia](#)

>>In [philosophy](#), **physicalism** is the view that "everything is [physical](#)", that there is "nothing over and above" the physical,<sup>[1]</sup> or that everything [supervenes](#) on the physical.<sup>[2]</sup> It is opposed to [idealism](#), according to which the world arises from mind. Physicalism is a form of ontological [monism](#)—a "one [substance](#)" view of the nature of [reality](#), unlike "two-substance" ([mind-body dualism](#)) or "many-substance" ([pluralism](#)) views. Both the definition of "physical" and the meaning of physicalism have been debated.

Physicalism is closely related to [materialism](#), and has evolved from materialism with advancements in the [physical sciences](#) in explaining observed phenomena. The terms "physicalism" and "materialism" are often used interchangeably, but can be distinguished based on their philosophical implications. Physicalism encompasses [matter](#), but also [energy](#), [physical laws](#), [space](#), [time](#), [structure](#), physical processes, [information](#), state, and [forces](#), among other things, as described by physics and other sciences, as part of the physical in a monistic sense. From a physicalist perspective, even abstract concepts such as [mathematics](#), [morality](#), [consciousness](#), [intentionality](#), and [meaning](#) are considered physical entities, although they may consist of a large ontological object and a causally complex structure.<sup>[3]</sup>

According to a 2020 survey, physicalism is the majority view among philosophers,<sup>[4]</sup> but there also remains significant opposition to physicalism.<<