

Episode 259 - Nothing Comes From Nothing

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I interpret the 'of course' to mean that a Euclidean approach clearly involves chains of deductions.

It is also clear from reading Lucretius and Herodotus that Epicurean physics involves a chain of deductive reasoning, starting with nothing come from nothing as the first deduction.

DeWitt is not the only commentator to take the position that there were twelve fundamentals and attempt to enumerate them - so does Diskin Clay, someone who is well recognized among mainstream commentators. His list is much the same, though not identical, to DeWitt's. See Clay's "[Epicurus Last Will and Testament](#)."

Also, the reason for the relevance of this is that we singled out "Nothing comes from nothing" so that we could spend more time in the episode on the deductive reasoning process, to illustrate that deductive reasoning, and not "if I can't see it I won't believe it" empiricism, is a major basis of Epicurean physics and therefore the rest of the philosophy as well.