

Key Citations On Atoms, Void, and Emergence

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When the distinction between atoms and compounds is not significant, I wanted to highlight that Epíkouros uses the term "What is corporeal (τό Σωματικόν)" for both together:

"...as both what is corporeal and the void exist..."

(Epíkouros, Peri Phýseōs, Book 28, P.Herc. 1479 fr. 1 col. 1)

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column 1

[.....] ἅμα καὶ ὅτι πᾶν
10 [.....το]ῦτ[ο ε]ἰ μηδ' οὕτως
[εἴη τις ἐ]γνοῶν, ὡς ἔ[σ]τι τό τε
[σ]ωματικὸν καὶ τὸ κενὸν ε-
[- ca.9 -] μηθ' οὕτως, ὡς ὁ