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Thinking that I want to add footnotes to specific text references.

The Epicurean Worldview

The Epicurean worldview is based on the three parts of Epicurean philosophy:

- 1) natural physics
- 2) epistemology (referred to as canonic)
- 3) ethics

1. Epicurean Natural Physics

- The most fundamental belief is that the world is material - everything is composed of "atoms and void" and "nothing comes from nothing".
- The universe is infinite and eternal.
- Everything has natural causes, and there is nothing supernatural in the world.
- God/gods are not involved in the world or the lives of humans and did not create the universe.
- Consciousness arises out of the body, depends on sensations, and there is no afterlife after death. The soul dies with the body.

2. Epicurean Epistemology: Canonic - Sensations, Feelings, Anticipations

Knowledge is possible. We can know things about the world because our senses can observe the material world and the natural causes which shape the material world.

De Rerum Natura (On the Nature of Things) is a didactic poem written in the 1st century BCE by the Roman poet and philosopher Lucretius, and presents Epicurean natural physics and canonic, as an early understanding of the causes of things.

21st Century Epicureans use the advances of modern scientific thinking as the basis of understanding the world and things, as they are.

3. Epicurean Ethics

The ethics of Epicurus is based on the observation and understanding of the natural world and a rejection of skepticism. Human beings are animals who can think, learn, and reason in order to make wise choices and avoidances.

Pleasure is the natural guide of life. We observe that all animals and humans have a natural instinct to move away from pain and toward pleasure. By pleasure we mean any experience in which pain is absent - and this encompasses both mental and physical, as well as low, medium, and high intensity stimulation.

