

References on Motion in Lucretius and Diogenes Laertius

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Given that there is never in any of these statements that there is "something else" pulling the atoms "down," I presume a good case can be made that regardless of the terminology, Epicurus was clear that this force of "weight" was something within the atoms themselves, not a force that is separate and apart from the atoms themselves.

Exactly, and to put it in Aristotelian terms the atoms are 'originitive of motion'.

The word Lucretius uses in that passage is *ponderibus[que]*. *Ponderibus* is the dative and ablatative plural of [*pondus*](#).