

Article: Scientists in a race to discover why our Universe exists

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I'm glad you asked! 😊

From my perspective, the Epicurean **kósmos** (which is defined as having a beginning and an end) is most conceptually-similar with the contemporary "**Observable Universe**". I contrast that against that idea of the **metakosmíos** (which contains an infinite number of generative and decaying **kósmoi**), which, I think, is best exemplified by the hypothetical concept of a "**multiverse**".

For that reason, I've left *kósmos* untranslated in my recent project. It's not quite a "world", but it's not quite a "universe", and I think it might be best to keep each idea contextualized in its history. (The same, I think, is true of the modern word "atoms", which refers to divisible amalgamations).