

# Epicurus' Prolepsis vs Heraclitus' Flux

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

If following dominant interpretations were always a good idea, Epicurus would have accepted intelligent design for his physics and we would all be Abrahamists today!

Haha, I see where you're coming from Cassius! Though I have to assume that this theory of a "universe in constant transformation" is based in scientific reasoning rather than supernatural leaps of faith and societal control. I'm of course no physicist however.

My question is more about how we decide which parts of Epicurus' philosophy, and specifically his physics, can/should be dropped when new information comes to light. We discussed a little while ago on Zoom that some of Epicurus' ideas were absolute and set-in-stone for him, while others were more of a "best guess". As far as I'm aware, the theory of static atoms and void falls into the former category. If new scientific discoveries contradict Epicurean physics, surely they ought to be accepted, given a scientific worldview?

Now, of course the perspective that Bryan mentioned is only a hypothesis at this stage. My point, however, is less about this specific topic and more about scientific discoveries and consensus potentially being at odds with Epicurus' physics. Don's view is a valid one, and probably one I share, but I'm interested in hearing more perspectives on this.