

Sunday Zoom - August 3, 2025 - 12:30 PM ET - Topic: "There Is No Necessity To Live Under the Control of Necessity"

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Adding this as well, which shows Epicurus fighting against eliminative materialism.

Epicurus, On Nature, Book 25, P.Herc. 1056 col. 6 (fr. B 28) & col. 10 (fr. B 32):

Insofar as we would refer to this aggregate as something: but also insofar as [*we would refer to an aggregate only as*] "atoms" and insofar as [*we would refer to an aggregate as*] "an aggregate" [*per se*]...

...for itself, according to what is similar and undifferentiated, [*your reasoning*] will be said to mentally perceive itself ^[1] as if it were one particular thing in what is conceived to exist [*i.e.*, "*this is my ability to reason*"], but also ^[2] in reference to itself, of itself, within [the context] of other things [*i.e.*, "*my ability to reason is based in atomic movement*"] - and in as much as [*your reasoning*] is said to perceive itself in some experience...

ἡ ἄθροισμα τόδε τι ἂν Προσαγορεύσαιμεν: ἀλλὰ καὶ ἡ "ἄτόμους" καὶ ἡ "ἄθροισμα."

...[ἐ]αυτῶι κατὰ τὸ ὅμοιον καὶ ἀδιάφορον ἑαυτὸν ῥηθήσεται διανοεῖσθαι οἷον ἑνός τινος ταύτηι τοῦ νοουμένου[ν]υ ὄντος ἀλλὰ καὶ ἐφ' ἑαυτ[ὸ]ν ἑαυτοῦ ἐν[τὸς] ἄλλων. καθότι δ' ἐν [πά]θει τι ἐαυτὸν λέγεται διαν]οε[ῖσθ]αι...