

# **Sunday, November 30 - Zoom Meeting - 12:30 PM - Topic: Session One of Book Review of Lucretius - Lines 1 - 214 (The Introduction, Up to Start of Atomism)**

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I'll modify this post after I get it set up, but this is to set up a placeholder that starting this coming weekend we will begin a series going through the major topics of Lucretius. There's a lot to explain about this but here are initial thoughts:

1 - Lucretius is the gold standard of Epicurean Philosophy. It is the most complete summary of the philosophy left to us from the ancient world, and it was written by a fervent supporter of Epicurus. Where it speaks it can be trusted, and there is much more to be dug out even on areas such as prolepsis where it does not speak as explicitly as we would like.

2 - Lucretius gives us a model of how to explain Epicurean philosophy to a person who is not familiar with it. That is exactly what we ourselves need to do much more of.

3 - We have a good public domain selection in our side-by-side page so it will be easy to follow along and organize the topics.

4 - After we finish Tusculan Disputations and other Cicero mop-up on the Lucretius Today podcast, we will turn our attention back to going through Lucretius in the same way. This will allow us to prepare an edited "professional" presentation of the major points which will be reusable basically forever. Going through the same topics ahead of time on Sunday will allow us to build a notebook of important topics that we want to be sure to cover.