

Epicurus Was Not an Atomist (...sort of)

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Greetings, all! I published some thoughts about the limitations in our employment of the word "atomism" as an expression of ancient Epicurean particle physics. I'll admit that I might be splitting hairs here, and exploiting a post-structuralist position about the symbols and their context

@Eikadistes ,

Thank you for illuminating us as you *'share the original flavor of the "true philosophy"'*! I greatly appreciate how you provide such in-depth review of the ancient text and translations from Greek to Latin. You provide us an interesting educational viewpoint by challenging the linguistic conventions that have obscured our understanding of the Sage's teachings. By focusing on the actual words from Epicurus, we better understand how he preserves the reality of sensation and the reliability of perception in describing his physics.

Thanks for an enlightening article. ☐☐