

New "TWENTIERS" Website

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Yes, you have made the most of what we have for this text! As we know, the context, in part, will certainly be Plato's view of triangular planes as the basis for the material world, which he explains in the *Timaeus*, and which our school rejected as having any preeminence over any other shapes -- and, more significantly, our school denied that a 2-dimensional analysis of reality was *fundamentally* relevant -- given that the fundamental units have a 3-dimensional extension.

I recreated a bit of this [here](#).

As Epicurus says ".....those triangles of his, from which he also entangles the remaining shapes. If he supposed that indivisible units [ἄτομα] exist, why did he not make any proof that bodies exist as indivisible? But if [his shapes are] not indivisible [and therefore can be divided further], what would one think the remaining [shapes that result from this further dividing] are composed of -- those which he puts together out of anything whatsoever? However, these [topics] will again, I suppose, be lengthened out; but for now, it is sufficient to say that it ridiculously occurred that this man [i.e., Plato] simultaneously called [his basic shapes] similar, while somehow fully depriving other [shapes as a basis]..."
[Epicurus, On Nature, Book 14, P.Herc. 1148 col. 5 (column 38)]