

"And With These We Especially Do Battle, And Rebuke Them, As Well As Hating Them For A Disposition Which Follows Their Disordered Congenital Nature...."

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Quote

Their failures, he says, are caused by themselves — selves which are not identical with their constituent atoms (2-3). Some of their actions and attitudes are not caused by their atomic nature but by **certain acquired states**, or "developments" (**ἀπογεγεννημένα**, a key term in the entire book; 6-9). These special acquired states are the source of their behavioural autonomy (15-18), and immediately exert an influence on their atoms * (18-19).

[Cassius](#)

So, are theses "**certain acquired states**" describing each individual person/animal unique makeup or personality; or does this also include consideration of a person's attitude, emotional state, or focused intentions?