

Is Motion One Of The Three Eternal Properties of Atoms? I.E. Are The Three Properties Shape, Size, and MOTION?

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Thanks Joshua. So clearly the word being used is "weight." It seems possible however that that does not end the inquiry because it's potentially not clear what is meant by weight.

Today (i gather) we are using weight as something that is attracted differentially by gravity (?)

Epicurus apparently was not using that paradigm (and would not, given that what we think of gravity would be a force outside the atom) ??

What Seldey seems to be saying is that Epicurus is using the term to mean a potential to move when space allows it, which itself is the cause of motion without interaction with anything outside it.

Am I reading that right? If so then a straight use of "weight" in our modern context might be confusing the issue just as it is confusing to think that Epicurus meant "atom" in the same way we do.