

Creative Assistance Needed! "The Twelve Days of Class With Epicurus"

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OK Friends, this is both a promise and a threat. 😊 Unless I get some creative assistance with this, you are eventually going to hear me sing this, and I promise that would be painful. I am sure some of you can do much better, and have better suggestions for rewording / rephrasing, before we get to that point.

However, this is a starting point, based on Norman DeWitt's reconstruction of [Epicurus Twelve Fundamentals of Nature](#). Of course the final product must be something that can be sung to "the twelve days of Christmas" keeping as close to the fundamental points made by Epicurus as possible. Obviously also in this project a singer would really have to be flexible in singing the words at a pace that would fit the music.

Here is my first effort. If I can get some help we will spread credit (or blame) around appropriately! ---->

The Twelve Days of Class With Epicurus

On the first day of class Epicurus taught to me:

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the second day of class Epicurus taught to me:

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the third day of class Epicurus taught to me:

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the fourth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

Atoms in a body can be more than one type,

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the fifth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

There's no limit to the number of atoms,

Atoms in a body can be more than one type,

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the sixth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

There's no limit to the size of the void,

There's no limit to the number of atoms,

Atoms in a body can be more than one type,

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the seventh day of class Epicurus taught to me:

The atoms are always in motion,

There's no limit to the size of the void,

There's no limit to the number of atoms,

Atoms in a body can be more than one type,

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the eighth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

The speed of all the atoms is the same,

The atoms are always in motion,

There's no limit to the size of the void,
There's no limit to the number of atoms,
Atoms in a body can be more than one type,
Every thing is made of atoms and void,
No thing can be split to nothing, and
Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the ninth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

The atoms move in lines and also bounce,
The speed of all the atoms is the same,
The atoms are always in motion,
There's no limit to the size of the void,
There's no limit to the number of atoms,
Atoms in a body can be more than one type,
Every thing is made of atoms and void,
No thing can be split to nothing, and
Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the tenth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

Atoms can swerve at any point or time,
The atoms move in lines and also bounce,
The speed of all the atoms is the same,
The atoms are always in motion,
There's no limit to the size of the void,
There's no limit to the number of atoms,
Atoms in a body can be more than one type,
Every thing is made of atoms and void,
No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the eleventh day of class Epicurus taught to me:

Atoms have a weight a shape and size,

Atoms can swerve at any point or time,

The atoms move in lines and also bounce,

The speed of all the atoms is the same,

The atoms are always in motion,

There's no limit to the size of the void,

There's no limit to the number of atoms,

Atoms in a body can be more than one type,

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

On the twelfth day of class Epicurus taught to me:

The atom shapes are not numbered nor in-fi-nite,

Atoms have a weight a shape and size,

Atoms can swerve at any point or time,

The atoms move in lines and also bounce,

The speed of all the atoms is the same,

The atoms are always in motion,

There's no limit to the size of the void,

There's no limit to the number of atoms,

Atoms in a body can be more than one type,

Every thing is made of atoms and void,

No thing can be split to nothing, and

Nothing can be made from no-thing.

Can anyone offer assistance or suggestions?

(No, "forget the project" isn't acceptable, and won't save you in the end, because I intend to incorporate some form of this into eventual podcasting to go through these hugely important aspects of Epicurean philosophy.)