

To What Extent, If Any, Does Modern Physics Invalidate Epicurean Philosophy?

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Here is one example that I see of the kind of attitude that is appropriate for an Epicurean to take even when we don't have the amount of evidence we would like to have, as illustrated by what Lucian thought was the proper Epicurean attitude toward a religious imposter, from ["Aristotle the Oracle Monger"](#)

And at this point, my dear Celsus, we may, if we will be candid, make some allowance for these Paphlagonians and Pontics; the poor uneducated ‘fat-heads’ might well be taken in when they handled the serpent—a privilege conceded to all who choose—and saw in that dim light its head with the mouth that opened and shut. **It was an occasion for a Democritus, nay, for an Epicurus or a Metrodorus, perhaps, a man whose intelligence was steeled against such assaults by skepticism and insight, one who, if he could not detect the precise imposture, would at any rate have been perfectly certain that, though this escaped him, the whole thing was a lie and an impossibility.**