

# Episode Thirty-Two: The Atoms Are Colorless, But the Implications Are Not

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An even more striking line from Cicero's Epicurean is:

Quote

I am not going to expound to you doctrines that are mere baseless figments of the imagination,

He's going to use observation and evidence to **the best of his ability**.

But...

Do we hold the ancients' reasoning from their evidence to our standard of knowledge? Or do we approach them on their terms and limits?

We know there are not "hooked atoms" and "smooth atoms" but do we applaud them for using their available observations (e.g., fishhooks in a box) and extrapolating a natural explanation of nature, free of supernatural and divine intervention?