

# Episode Thirty-Four - The Atoms Do Not Possess A Faculty of Sensation

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Yes but I wonder if that is specific enough. Like in the monkey analogy people seem to default to a position that "anything is possible but the possibility may be infinitesimally small." Well, but that's the question, isn't it? is there really ANY possibility of certain things happening, and can't we be pretty confident in saying that some things can never happen, and shouldn't we try to be rigorous in separating the two? If we think about the monkeys that exist in reality, even given an infinite time I would not expect them by nature to be interested in hitting all the keys randomly and persistently enough to come up with a sonnet.

The "anything is possible" cliché is a dangerous one, I'm thinking.

It sounds like you're advocating the concept of Epicurean limits when talking about probabilities and possibilities. Is this echoing Epicurus's objection to geometry? Geometry can talk about ideal situations and shape but a "perfect" square doesn't really exist. We can use geometry as a tool but shouldn't confuse it for reality.