

Emergence (Epicurean "accidents")

Post by "Don" of September 17, 2021 at 9:12 AM

I'm a fan of Kurzgesagt. This video talks about emergence which seems to me what Epicurus/Lucretius talked about as "accidents":

<https://youtu.be/16W7c0mb-rE>

Post by "Cassius" of September 17, 2021 at 9:37 AM

[Quote from Don](#)

Epicurus/Lucretius talked about as "accidents":

Or, if one looks back at the Latin - EVENTUM. I suppose I've had too many car accident cases to like that word "accident."

"Eventum" (or "event") seems to me to convey less connotation of "chance" or "luck" than does "accident."

And it seems to me to be clear that these emergent events are in fact not unlimited randomness or "luck" or in any sense "anything can happen."

These emergent events arise within the limits of the combinations of the specific elements and void which are involved.

The ant example it starts with is a good example of that.

"More than the sum of its parts" is a good line.

So is there a separate video on consciousness as an emergent property?

Post by "Cassius" of September 17, 2021 at 9:49 AM

Since this is directly on point in the Physics forum, I made a crosslink to that location:
[Materiality - Atoms and Void - Properties And Qualities and Emergence](#)

Post by “Don” of September 17, 2021 at 12:50 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

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<https://youtu.be/H6u0VBqNBQ8>