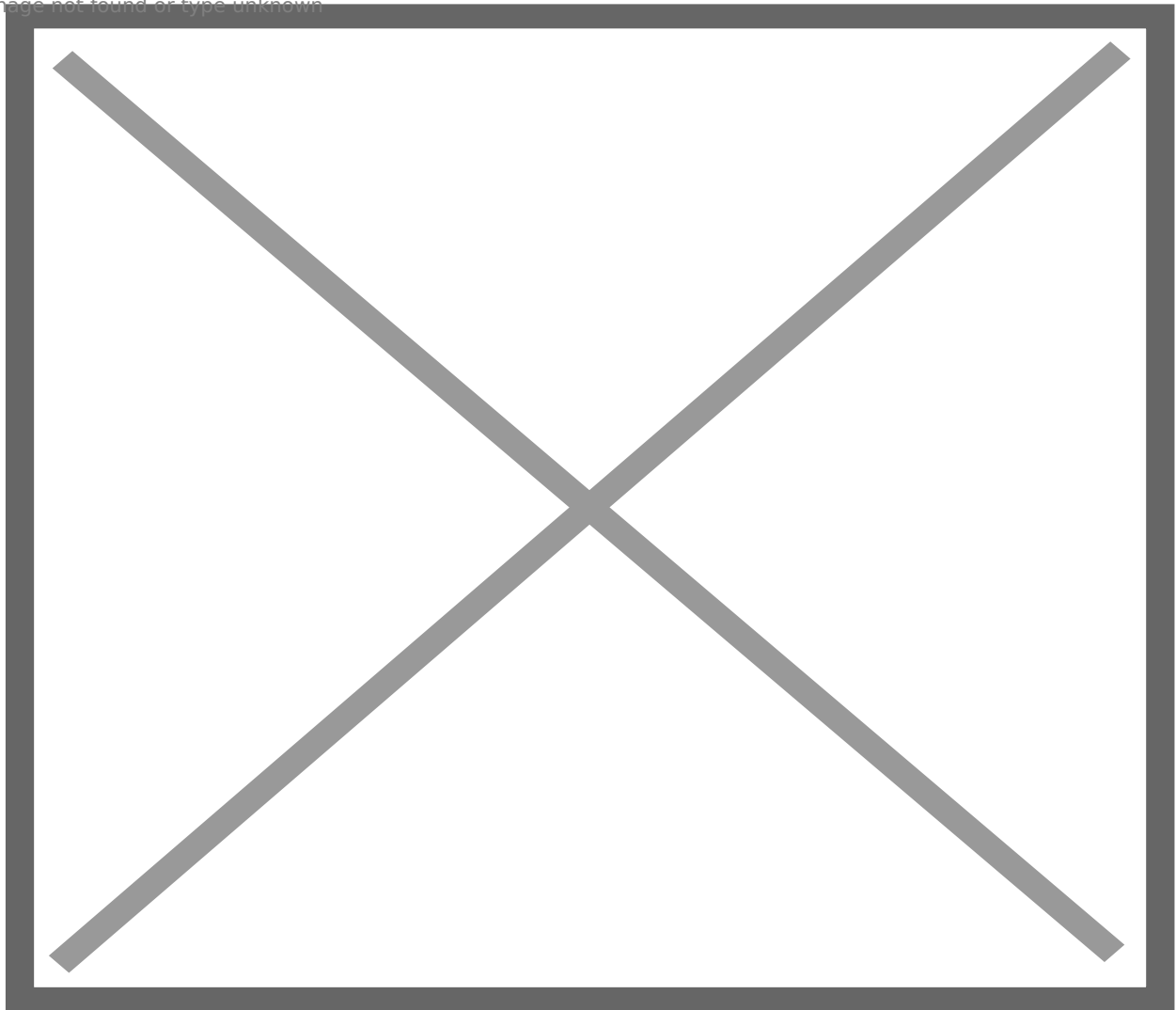


# Sunday Zoom - March 15, 2026 - 12:30 PM ET - Topic - Lucretius Book One Starting At Line 265 - Atoms Are Invisible

Post by "Cassius" of March 14, 2026 at 6:49 PM

This week we'll start at about line 265 and discuss the implications of the invisibility of atoms:

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## Post by “Kalosyni” of March 17, 2026 at 12:23 PM

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[Inference - Wikipedia](#)

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## Post by “Cassius” of March 18, 2026 at 9:05 AM

[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

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That's his [On Signs / On Methods of Inference](#) which we will review on the podcast in the future. Anyone who tries to get started before then and can post commentary will be appreciated.

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## Post by “Robert” of March 21, 2026 at 10:10 PM

[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

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Hmm--did it have something to do with detecting celestial objects, as in the indirect detection of Neptune by observing anomalies in the orbit of Uranus? I remember mentioning this for some reason.

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## Post by “Cassius” of March 22, 2026 at 6:29 AM

[Quote from Robert](#)

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Robert much of the difficulty comes from the loss of the first part of the book, meaning that what we have left starts in the middle and appears to be stating non-Epicurean views. Rather than presenting his own opinions Philodemus is giving a survey of opposing views (if I recall) so it's not clear - at least for a beginner - what Philodemus is advocating himself without a lot of work.

The two best aids I have found are the appendix to the DeLacy translation and Sedley's work "On Signs."

If you have any inclination to help outline this and contribute toward unwinding it before we get to it in the podcast I am sure Joshua would appreciate it as much as I would.