

# Epicurus' Response to "Infinite Regress" Arguments

Post by "Cassius" of April 9, 2026 at 8:46 AM

## ***Infinite Regress Arguments for God as First Cause***

*While not exclusively Zeno-derived, various thinkers used infinite regress arguments to argue for a divine unmoved mover. Epicurus rejected the premise structure: he held that matter and motion are eternal and self-sufficient, requiring no external initiator. The infinite past of atomic motion is simply given — there is no logical compulsion to terminate a causal chain at a god.*

*(Need to expand)*

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Post by "Patrikios" of April 16, 2026 at 3:50 PM

Is this topic related to the thread on Motion?

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**[Is Motion One Of The Three Eternal Properties of Atoms? I.E. Are The Three Properties Shape, Size, and MOTION?](#)**

This topic was also discussed in a recent zoom meeting. The answer appears debatable, and I see that Sedley's article "Epicurean Anti-Reductionism" has this to say (see especially footnote 29):

[epicureanfriends.com/wcf/attachment/6143/](https://epicureanfriends.com/wcf/attachment/6143/)

Here is the translation from Demetrius Lacon cited on page 306:

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