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*"Knowing this, be wise, and leave Epicurus to enquire in vain*

*where is the void and what are the atoms."*

--Automedon, Book XI of the Greek Anthology, transl. W. R. Paton

? This entry is titled Atomism, and will be a good place for quotations on the atoms, the void, and the swerve.

**Santayana**, George; [\*Three Philosophical Poets\*](#); 1910; "This double experience of mutation and recurrence, an experience at once sentimental and scientific, soon brought with it a very great thought, perhaps the greatest thought that mankind has ever hit upon, and which was the chief inspiration of Lucretius. It is that all we observe about us, and ourselves also, may be so many passing forms of a permanent substance."