

# Episode 179 - "Epicurus And His Philosophy" Part 31 - Chapter 13 - The True Piety 02

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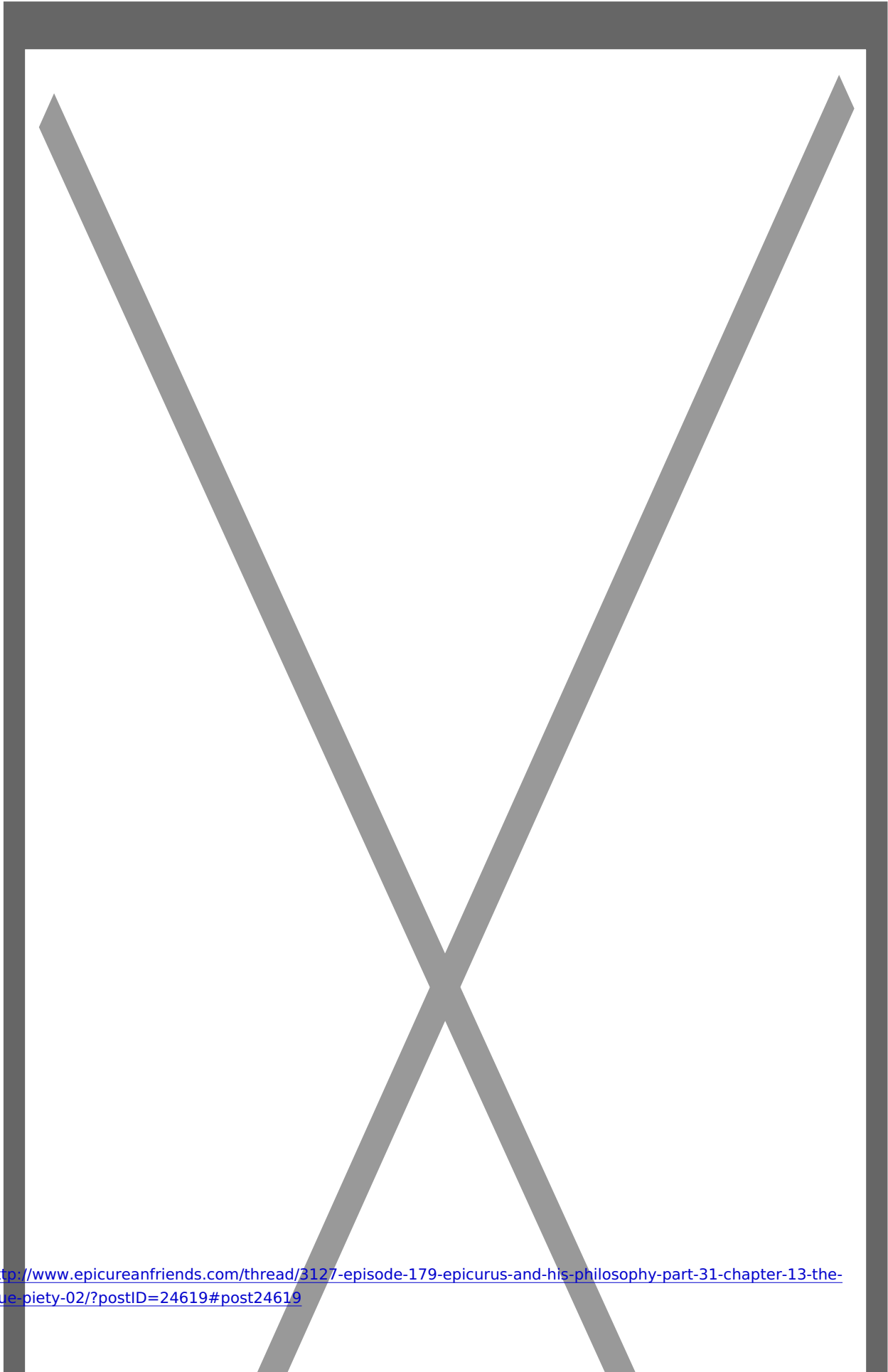
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Claudius Ptolemy, *Almagest*:

Quote

"I know that I am mortal by nature, and ephemeral; but when I trace at my pleasure the windings to and fro of the heavenly bodies I no longer touch the earth with my feet: I stand in the presence of Zeus himself and take my fill of ambrosia

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John Tyndall, *Belfast Address*

Quote

Is there not a temptation to close to some extent with Lucretius, when he affirms that 'nature is seen to do all things spontaneously of herself without the meddling of the gods?' or with Bruno, when he declares that Matter is not 'that mere empty capacity which philosophers have pictured her to be, but the universal mother who wrings forth all things as the fruit of her own womb?' Believing as I do in the continuity of Nature, I cannot stop abruptly where our microscopes cease to be of use. Here the vision of the mind authoritatively supplements the vision of the eye. By an intellectual necessity I cross the boundary of the experimental evidence, and discern in that Matter which we, in our ignorance of its latent powers, and notwithstanding our professed reverence for its Creator, have hitherto covered with opprobrium, the promise and potency of all terrestrial Life.

[Address Delivered Before the British Association Assembled at Belfast, With Additions \(1874\)](#)

Philip Larkin, *Church Going*

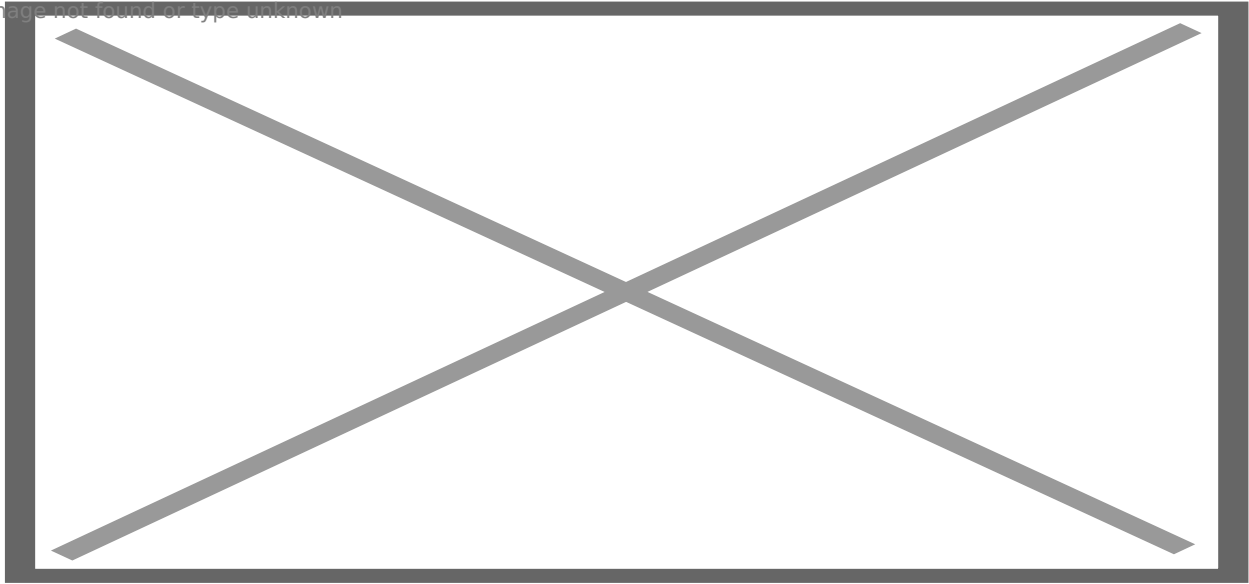
Quote

A serious house on serious earth it is,  
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,  
Are recognised, and robed as destinies.  
And that much never can be obsolete,  
Since someone will forever be surprising  
A hunger in himself to be more serious,  
And gravitating with it to this ground,  
Which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in,  
If only that so many dead lie round.

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### [Church Going, by Philip Larkin](#)

Once I am sure there's nothing go... I step inside, letting the door th... Another church: matting,  
seats, an... And little books; sprawlings of fl... For Sunday, ...  
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Lucretius, Book V, Line 1200

#### Quote

nec pietas ullast velatum saepe videri  
vertier ad lapidem atque omnis accedere ad aras  
nec procumbere humi prostratum et pandere palmas  
ante deum delubra nec aras sanguine multo  
spargere quadrupedum nec votis nectere vota,  
sed mage pacata posse omnia mente tueri.

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Bailey:

#### Quote

Nor is it piety at all to be seen often with veiled head turning towards a stone, and to draw near to every altar, no, nor to lie prostrate on the ground with outstretched palms before the shrines of the gods, nor to sprinkle the altars with the streaming blood of beasts, nor to link vow to vow, but rather to be able to contemplate all things with a mind at rest.

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William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*

Quote

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,  
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

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[Act 1, Scene 5](#)

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