

The Vessel Analogy At The Opening of Lucretius Book Six

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I wanted to add that I am coming to really like Lucretius's vessel metaphor.

The image of cleaning and repairing the vessel as a metaphor for learning and internalizing the teachings of Epicurus with the resulting clean pot filled with clean liquid symbolizing the calm waters of ataraxia shows that ataraxia is not a sudden epiphany. It takes work to achieve and maybe even maintain.