

You may think that I am crazy to consider Epicurus to be a god...

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**You may
think I
am crazy**



**To consider Epicurus to be a god,
and to think that I can learn about
life from a baby pig.**

**But at least I don't think my god was
asleep for eternity,**

**And then woke up long enough to
create**

**My people to be his people, and me
to be his friend.**

That's crazy.

BOOK V

translated by Hugh Munro

Who is able with powerful genius to frame a poem worthy of the grandeur of the things and these discoveries? or who is so great a master of words as to be able to devise praises equal to his merits who left to us such prizes won and earned by his own genius? None methinks who is formed of mortal body. For if we must speak as the acknowledged grandeur of the things itself demands, a god he was, a god, most noble Memmius, who first found out that plan of life which is now termed wisdom, and who by trained skill rescued life from such great billows and such thick darkness and moored it in so perfect a calm and in so brilliant a light. Compare the godlike discoveries of others in old times: Ceres is famed to have pointed out to mortals corn, and Liber the vine-born juice of the grape; though life might well have subsisted without these things, as we are told some nations even now live without them. But a happy life was not possible without a clean breast; wherefore with more reason this man is deemed by us a god, from whom come these sweet solaces of existence which even now are distributed over great nations and gently soothe men's minds.