

Nate's "Back of the Book" Graphic

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My favorite quote on Lucretius comes from Ovid in his *Amores*.

Quote

The verses of sublime Lucretius are destined to perish only when a single day will consign the world to destruction.

Cicero, in a letter to his brother;

Quote

The poems of Lucretius are as you write: they exhibit many flashes of genius, and yet show great mastership.

Albert Einstein, in a preface to a German edition;

Quote

For anyone who is not completely submerged in the spirit of our age, who feels instead like a spectator as the world goes past him, especially, from time to time, vis-à-vis the intellectual attitudes of his contemporaries — on him will Lucretius's poem work its magic

George Santayana;

Quote

That things have their poetry, not because of what we make them symbols of, but because of their own movement and life, is what Lucretius proves once for all to mankind.

Quote

Whether it be a wind blowing, a torrent rushing, a lamb bleating, the magic of love, genius achieving its purpose, or a war, or a pestilence, Lucretius sees everything in its causes, and in its total career. One breath of lavish creation, one iron law of change, runs through the whole, making all things kin in their inmost elements and in their last end. Here is the touch of nature indeed, her largeness and eternity. Here is the true

echo of the life of matter.

And-why not! Lucy Hutchinson;

Quote

[...] I found I never understood him till I learned to abhor him, and dread a wanton dalliance with impious books.