

Happy 20th & Father's Day

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Can't decide if this rises to the level of a "dad joke" or just as very clever pun on Lucretius's part, but just saw this online:

In De Rerum Natura, I.24, there's the line:

te sociam studeo scribendis versibus esse,

where Lucretius asks Venus to be a *sociam* in his writing of the poem.

A [socius](#) is a helper, an ally, etc.

What is the Greek translation of this Latin word?

[ἐπίκουρος](#)!! (Epicurus!)

I refuse to think that's just a coincidence. Well played, Lucretius! 😊

See also <https://www.jstor.org/stable/270533>