

# Quotes that can be epicurean in Ancient Plays

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Hi, everybody!

I was reading Plautus' play *Trinummus* ("The Three Coins"). Though it's not epicurean and there aren't specific epicurean characters, I found an interesting quote. I think it can be the description of an epicurean person:

*Hic homost omnium hominum praecipuos,  
voluptatibus gaudiisque antepotens:  
ita commoda quae cupio eveniunt,  
quod ago adsequitur, subest, subsequitur,  
ita gaudiis gaudium suppeditat.*

According to Perseus Translation: This individual is the very first of all men; excelling all in pleasures and delights.

So truly do the blessings which I desire befall me, that whatever I undertake is brought about, and constantly succeeds: so does one delight succeed other delights.

This is another translation: Here's the man that tops mankind entire in joys and delights beyond comparement!

Ah, the glorious way my desires work out! The way the things I want troop up to me, stand by, troop after me, joy treading on the heels of joy!

I'm interested in learning some latin, and also I think that it can be great to memorize this kind of quotes in order to have a reminder of pleasure, joy and happiness.

So, hope you like it.