

Threads of Epicureanism in Art and Literature

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Francis Bacon; *Of Truth*; 1625; an essay from a collection in which Bacon paraphrases Lucretius, while at the same time condemning Epicureanism.

Quote

The poet that beautified the sect that was otherwise inferior to the rest, saith yet excellently well, "It is a pleasure to stand upon the shore, and to see ships tossed upon the sea; a pleasure to stand in the window of a castle, and to see a battle and the adventures thereof below; but no pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage ground of truth (a hill not to be commanded [that is, by higher ground], and where the air is always clear and serene), and to see the errors and wanderings and mists and tempests in the vale below"

Thread; [An Essay by Francis Bacon "Of Truth"](#)

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