

Episode 200 - Lucretius Today 200th Episode - Retrospective, Recap, and Looking To The Future

Post by "Lowri834" of November 4, 2023 at 9:47 AM

I've just started reading Lucretius, the Martin Ferguson Smith translation. There were two items in his footnotes to the opening that your post seem to align with. "She (Venus) also personifies pleasure, the attainment of which, according to Epicureans, is the object of human life." and "... reinforce Lucr.'s view that, just as Venus is the bringer of life, light and clam into the physical world, so Epicurus is the bringer of light and calm into the spiritual world." When I read it I thought of "calm" as the "appreciation of being alive-and-not-in-pain kind of pleasure" you mention.