

Welcome Smithtim47!

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Hello!

Thank you for accepting me into this group. As requested, I'll say a few words about myself. I majored in Classics in college, went on to get a Ph.D. in it, and finally a brief career teaching undergraduates in North Carolina. For a variety of reasons, I changed careers from professor to university reference librarian.

Long-time interest in Epicureanism. It just makes a lot of sense. I had a totally serendipitous introduction to Lucretius. For my first two undergrad years, I lived at home and commuted to college. One day as I was driving along, I saw a small paperback lying in the middle of the road. I thought I recognized the cover style: one of the very old Penguins when they had purple borders for Latin authors and brown for Greek. I saw purple. I went around the block and fetched the book. It was the Latham translation of *De Rerum Natura*. A year or two later I had a course on Lucretius from a man who'd done a dissertation on him at Harvard.

That's my story in a nutshell <smile>.