

# Was Shakespeare an Epicurean?

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

Probably the whole thing could wind up pointing to a place where we discuss a table of parallel Shakespeare/Epicurean references.

One has to be careful here. From what I've seen on this thread and elsewhere on the forum and in published texts and papers, Shakespeare definitely had allusions to Epicurean philosophy in his work, evidently primarily via Montaigne via Lucretius. However, my contention would be that one has to be careful in saying Shakespeare was genuinely citing Epicurean sources as opposed to seeing lines that "sound" Epicurean or lines that evoke Epicurean ideas that are more widespread culturally. It's merely an extension of my frustration with Dewitt's "Christianity around every Epicurean corner" issue. That sids, I genuinely find this Shakespeare angle fascinating and was completely unaware of its depth previously... So thank you all for this!