

Was Shakespeare an Epicurean?

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I'd agree with Don's caution, Catherine Wilson wrote "If the incorporeal of res cogitans of Descartes, the un-extended immortal monads of Leibniz, the world in the mind of Berkeley are salient concepts in the history of modern philosophy, this is chiefly because we are all, in a sense, epicureans now."

We have to recognize the distinction between those that choose to be Epicurean or those who have stolen or inherited our ideals. Many of the founding fathers read Lucretius as part of a classical education, but only Jefferson declared himself an Epicurean.