

Was De Rerum Natura intended as satire? A lecture by THM Gellar-Goad.

Post by "Julia" of October 25, 2024 at 5:02 PM

[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

He seems to be saying that all other poets of that time were writing satire, therefore Lucretius also wrote satire. First of all is that premise correct? (Were all other poets before Lucretius writing satire?) And second of all, his conclusion is a "bandwagon" fallacy. Lucretius could be demonstrating a witty way of speaking of things rather than critical satire.

Sincerely, thank you so much for pointing that out!



[Quote from Cassius](#)

in this case there are few if any others who have held that Lucretius was anything but sincere in his admiration for Epicurus and his intent to convey Epicurus' philosophy faithfully. I am not aware of any significant writer who has ever taken any other position.

That's true 😊

[Quote from Cassius](#)

but he's never disrespectful of Epicurean views.

Hmm -- that's true. In so many lines of poetry, even implicit, hidden satire would have shone through at one point or another -- yet, it simply doesn't.

Somehow I found the video lecture quite confusion -- What is he even saying? What really are his arguments? -- so thank you both very much for helping me untie the mental knot I was stuck in 😊