

Personal mottos?

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Glad you asked! 😊

My personal favorite is from DRN 2.991, CAELESTI SVMVS OMNES SEMINE ORIVNDI meaning "*We have all come from heavenly seed*", which I really like because it summarizes, anticipates, and informs Carl Sagan's observation that "*we are made of star stuff*". (Got it tatted a while ago!)



As far as those go, ΛΑΘΕ ΒΙΩΣΑΣ is also a favorite, "Live Anonymously" (or "unknown", etc.):



Antiquity also provides us with SIC FAC OMNIA TAMQUAM SPECTET EPICVRVS, meaning "Do all things as if Epicurus were watching", a kind of ancient, Epicurean version of "What Would Jesus Do?"

Then also, we have FELIX QVI POTVIT RERVVM COGNOSCERE CAVSAS meaning "Happy [is] the person who knows the causes of things" from a piece of work by Virgil that I forget.

Juvenal shares with us RANDVM EST VT SIT MENS SANA IN CORPORE SANO... meaning "You should pray for a sound mind in a healthy body..." which has a nice, confident, encouraging ring to it.

And then, of course, Horace gives us CARPE DIEM, which we all know as meaning "*Seize the Day*", but, personally, I prefer that we "*Pluck the day [from the vine of time]*".

Sorry for the overshare! 😊 These are always fun questions.