

What place does "simple" have in Epicureanism?

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Thanks so much Don, for diving in to the texts! So much more illuminating to work with the original language.

I'll just add one final thought about my relationship to travel. I love the passage in Book 3 of Lucretius on the travel of the disturbed people who go from their house to the city and back, or off to the country and never finding what they are after or being satisfied anywhere. The passage ultimately ends with a notion of fearing death, but not feeling such pull as I did pre-Epicurean Philosophy, I feel like a lot of my desire to travel could be solved by an attitude of "more is less"; meaning, more cultivating in my every day life would mean less effort and time spent thinking about travel or actually traveling. I write, philosophize and otherwise communicate on the internet for the same reasons I travel, which is to try to experience certain things I do not get in my normal surroundings. Namely a sense of community, comraderie and connectedness, but I could experience these things perhaps if I complicated my life a bit by trying to produce or reproduce those experiences in my life more with people around me I know or could get to know. 😊

Cheers!