

Horace - Buying Pleasure With Pain is Harmful (????)

Post by "Kalosyni" of August 27, 2025 at 2:16 PM

This line from Horace:

[Quote from Cassius](#)

Unless the vessel be sweet, whatever you pour into it turns sour.

...reminds me of Lucretius:

Thread

[The Vessel Analogy At The Opening of Lucretius Book Six](#)

I'd like to ask for input on this question about the opening of book six of Lucretius involving the "vessel" analogy. The text is below, but here's the question:

It appears that Lucretius is separating out two aspects of the defects in the "jar" - (1) the jar is leaking and cannot be filled due to leaks caused by the holes, and (2) that the jar tainted all that it took in as with a foul odor.

As to (1) It seems to me that the leaks can be pretty well identified with the analogy of the [Danaides](#),...



Cassius

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