

Gassendi On Happiness

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[Quote from Robert](#)

The fact that Epicurus influenced thinkers as divergent as Jefferson and Marx blows my mind.

No doubt! Once I saw a few Lucretian callbacks in Shakespeare, I began compiling a list of other writers who make explicit or indirect mention of either Epicurean Philosophy or *De Rerum Natura* (usually the latter, having been received from Latin): [Bacon](#), [Bergson](#), [Byron](#), [Chaucer](#), [de Bergerac](#), [Darwin](#), [Deleuze](#), [Descartes](#), [Diderot](#), [d’Holbach](#), [Dryden](#), [Einstein](#), [Erasmus](#), [Frederick II](#), [Freud](#), [Gassendi](#), [Goethe](#), [Halley](#), [Hitchens](#), [Hobbes](#), [Horace](#), [Hume](#), [Kant](#), [La Mettrie](#), [Leo X](#), [Locke](#), [Lovecraft](#), [Machiavelli](#), [Milton](#), [Montaigne](#), [Newton](#), [Nietzsche](#), [Pope](#), [Rousseau](#), [Sagan](#), [Santayana](#), [Shakespeare](#), [Spenser](#), [Spinoza](#), [Stevenson](#), [Tennyson](#), [Thomsen](#), [Virgil](#), [Voltaire](#), [Whitman](#), and [Wordsworth](#).