

What Is Happiness? How Does Our Conception of It Derive From Eudaemonia and Felicitas? Should Happiness Be The Goal of Life?

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From Lucretius, Bailey translations:

Book 1 after 80:

sed casta inceste nubendi tempore
in ipso hostia concideret mactatu
maesta parentis, exitus ut classi
felix faustusque daretur. tantum
religio potuit suadere malorum.

but in the very moment of marriage, a pure
victim she might foully fall, sorrowing beneath
a father's slaughtering stroke, that a happy
and hallowed starting might be granted to the
fleet. Such evil deeds could religion prompt.

Book 5-1194

O genus infelix humanum, talia
divis
cum tribuit facta atque iras adiunxit
acerbas!

Ah! unhappy race of men, when it has
assigned such acts to the gods and joined
therewith bitter anger!