

# **Sunday, January 4, 2026 - Zoom Meeting - 12:30 PM - Topic: Lucretius Book Review - Book One Starting Line 102**

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Although the section is now lost, Ennius seems to have begun the Annals with a recollection of one of his dreams:

"...So Ennius asserts at the beginning of his Annals, where he says that he had seen Homer in a dream saying that he had once been a peacock and from that his soul was transferred into him, according to the dictates of the philosopher Pythagoras..."  
(Cornutus, Commentary on Persius, 6·10·2)

"...[Ennius] wrote at the beginning of his Annals that he was advised in a dream that, according to the doctrine of Pythagoras, Homer's soul had come into his body..."  
(Porphyry, Commentary on Horace, 2·1·51)