

# Michel de Montaigne on pleasure

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I haven't read much of Montaigne but I'm intrigued by what I've read about him. I sent looking for the essay when [Godfrey](#) mentioned that the remainder of it was "a meditation on death". [Wikisource has all of his essays](#) and I went looking for [Book I.XIX. That to study philosophy is to learn to die.](#)

I found all the Lucretius references interesting and the section that begins:

Quote

Young and old die upon the same terms; no one departs out of life otherwise than if he had but just before entered into it; neither is any man so old and decrepit, who, having heard of Methuselah, does not think he has yet twenty good years to come. Fool that thou art! who has assured unto thee the term of life?

reminded me of *De Rerum Natura* III.1026-1052 that begins talking about Ancus the Good dying.

Thanks for the reminder about Montaigne. Color me intrigued.