

Lucretius

Quotes

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Constant dripping hollows out a stone.

~Lucretius

Nothing can be created out of nothing.

~Lucretius

The water hollows out the stone, not by force but drop by drop.

~Lucretius

Too often in time past, religion has brought forth criminal and shameful actions... How many evils has religion caused?

~Lucretius

No matter how difficult a task may look.. Persistence and steady action will get you through

~Lucretius

The drops of rain make a hole in the stone not by violence but by oft falling.

~Lucretius

What came from the earth returns back to the earth, and the spirit that was sent from heaven, again carried back, is received into the temple of heaven.

~Lucretius

Only religion can lead to such evil.

~Lucretius

For fools admire and love those things they see hidden in verses turned all upside down, and take for truth what sweetly strokes the ears and comes with sound of phrases fine imbued.

~Lucretius

From the heart of the fountain of delight rises a jet of bitterness that tortures us among the very flowers.

~Lucretius

Fear was the first thing on Earth to create gods.

~Lucretius

Truths kindle light for truths.

~Lucretius

Were a man to order his life by the rules of true reason, a frugal substance joined to a contented mind is for him great riches; for never is there any lack of a little.

~Lucretius

From the very fountain of enchantment there arises a taste of bitterness to spread anguish amongst the flowers.

~Lucretius

The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is never want where the mind is satisfied.

~Lucretius

Fear is the mother of all gods ... Nature does all things spontaneously, by herself, without the meddling of the gods.

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~Lucretius

How wretched are the minds of men, and how blind their understandings. [Lat., O miseras hominum menteis! oh, pectora caeca!]

~Lucretius

If God can do anything he can make a stone so heavy that even he can't lift it. Then there is something God cannot do, he cannot lift the stone. Therefore God does not exist.

~Lucretius

Religious questions have often led to wicked and impious actions.

~Lucretius

To none is life given in freehold; to all on lease.

~Lucretius

Tis pleasant to stand on shore and watch others labouring in a stormy sea.

~Lucretius

O goddess, bestow on my words an immortal charm.

~Lucretius

The sum of all sums is eternity.

~Lucretius

We plainly perceive that the mind strengthens and decays with the body.

~Lucretius

It is great wealth to a soul to live frugally with a contented mind.

~Lucretius

What is food to one man may be fierce poison to others

~Lucretius

The first-beginnings of things cannot be distinguished by the eye.

~Lucretius

The body searches for that which has injured the mind with love.

~Lucretius

Nothing comes from nothing.

~Lucretius

Gently touching with the charm of poetry.

~Lucretius

Therefore there is not anything which returns to nothing, but all things return dissolved into their elements.

~Lucretius

Life is one long struggle in the dark.

~Lucretius

The sum total of all sums total is eternal.

~Lucretius

All things obey fixed laws.

~Lucretius

The dreadful fear of hell is to be driven out, which disturbs the life of man and renders it miserable, overcasting all things with the blackness of darkness, and leaving no pure, unalloyed pleasure.

~Lucretius

There can be no centre in infinity.

~Lucretius

We, peopling the void air, make gods to whom we impute the ills we ought to bear.

~Lucretius

In the midst of the fountain of wit there arises something bitter, which stings in the very flowers.

~Lucretius

It is pleasurable, when winds disturb the waves of a great sea, to gaze out from land upon the great trials of another.

~Lucretius

We cannot conceive of matter being formed of nothing, since things require a seed to start from.

~Lucretius

Violence and wrong enclose all who commit them in their meshes and do mostly recoil on him from whom they begin.

~Lucretius

The old must always make way for the new, and one thing must be built out of the ruins of another. There is no murky pit of hell awaiting anyone.

~Lucretius

Such are the heights of wickedness to which men are driven by religion.

~Lucretius

Why dost thou not retire like a guest sated with the banquet of life, and with calm mind embrace, thou fool, a rest that knows no care?

~Lucretius

Whenever anything changes and quits its proper limits, this change is at once the death of that which was before.

~Lucretius

It's easier to avoid the snares of love than to escape once you are in

that net.

~Lucretius

Though the dungeon, the scourge, and the executioner be absent, the guilty mind can apply the goad and scorch with blows.

~Lucretius

It is doubtful what fortune to-morrow will bring. [Lat., Posteraque in dubio est fortunam quam vehat aetas.]

~Lucretius

The fall of dropping water wears away the Stone.

~Lucretius

So potent was religion in persuading to evil deeds.

~Lucretius

From the midst of the very fountain of pleasure, something of bitterness arises to vex us in the flower of enjoyment.

~Lucretius

Sweet it is, when on the high seas the winds are lashing the waters, to gaze from the land on another's struggles.

~Lucretius

Such evil deeds could religion prompt.

~Lucretius

How is it that the sky feeds the stars?

~Lucretius

The sum total of all sums total is eternal (meaning the universe). [Lat., Summarum summa est aeternum.]

~Lucretius

Some species increase, others diminish, and in a short space the generations of living creatures are changed and, like runners, pass on the torch of life.

~Lucretius

From the heart of this fountain of delights wells up some bitter taste to choke them even amid the flowers.

~Lucretius

... we in the light sometimes fear what is no more to be feared than the things children in the dark hold in terror and imagine will come true.

~Lucretius

It is a pleasure for to sit at ease Upon the land, and safely for to see How other folks are tossed on the seas That with the blustering winds turmoiled be.

~Lucretius

Never trust the calm sea when she shows her false alluring smile.

~Lucretius

Pleasant it to behold great encounters of warfare arrayed over the plains, with no part of yours in peril.

~Lucretius

The highest summits and those elevated above the level of other things are mostly blasted by envy as by a thunderbolt.

~Lucretius

Under what law each thing was created, and how necessary it is for it to continue under this, and how it cannot annul the strong rules that govern its lifetime.

~Lucretius

One thing is made of another, and nature allows no new creation except at the price of death.

~Lucretius

Men conceal the past scenes of their lives.

~Lucretius

It is pleasant, when the sea is high and the winds are dashing the waves about, to watch from the shores the struggles of another.

~Lucretius

If the matter of death is reduced to sleep and rest, what can there be so bitter in it, that any one should pine in eternal grief for the decease of a friend?

~Lucretius

Tears for the mourners who are left behind
Peace everlasting for the quiet dead.

~Lucretius

Rest, brother, rest. Have you done ill or well
Rest, rest, There is no God, no gods who dwell
Crowned with avenging righteousness on high
Nor frowning ministers of their hate in hell.

~Lucretius

There is nothing that exists so great or marvelous that over time
mankind does not admire it less and less.

~Lucretius

All things keep on in everlasting motion,
Out of the infinite come the particles,
Speeding above, below, in endless dance.

~Lucretius

Death is nothing to us, it matters not one jot, since the nature of the

mind is understood to be mortal.

~Lucretius

The mind like a sick body can be healed and changed by medicine.

~Lucretius

How many evils have flowed from religion.

~Lucretius

You alone govern the nature of things. Without you nothing emerges into the light of day, without you nothing is joyous or lovely.

~Lucretius

Time changes the nature of the whole world; Everything passes from one state to another And nothing stays like itself.

~Lucretius

Out beyond our world there are, elsewhere, other assemblages of matter making other worlds. Ours is not the only one in air's embrace.

~Lucretius

We notice that the mind grows with the body, and with it decays.

~Lucretius

One Man's food is another Man's Poison

~Lucretius

There is no place in nature for extinction.

~Lucretius

Violence and injury enclose in their net all that do such things, and generally return upon him who began.

~Lucretius

The mask is torn off, while the reality remains

~Lucretius

Epicurus ... whose genius surpassed all humankind, extinguished the light of others, as the stars are dimmed by the rising sun.

~Lucretius

Air, I should explain, becomes wind when it is agitated.

~Lucretius

Human life lay foul before men's eyes, crushed to the dust beneath religion's weight.

~Lucretius

Not they who reject the gods are profane, but those who accept them.

~Lucretius

What once sprung from the earth sinks back into the earth.

~Lucretius

Do we not see all humans unaware
Of what they want, and always
searching everywhere,
And changing place, as if to drop the load they
bear?

~Lucretius

Thus, then, the All that is is limited
In no one region of its onward paths,
For then 't must have forever its beyond.

~Lucretius

For there is a VOID in things; a truth which it will be useful for you, in reference to many points, to know; and which will prevent you from wandering in doubt.

~Lucretius

Bodies, again, Are partly primal germs of things, and partly Unions deriving from the primal germs.

~Lucretius

By protracting life, we do not deduct one jot from the duration of death.

~Lucretius

For thee the wonder-working earth puts forth sweet flowers.

~Lucretius

Lucretius, who follows [Epicurus] in denouncing love, sees no harm in sexual intercourse provided it is divorced from passion.

~Lucretius

So much wrong could religion induce.

~Lucretius

When bodies spring apart, because the air Somehow condenses, wander they from truth: For then a void is formed, where none before; And, too, a void is filled which was before.

~Lucretius

Confess then, naught from nothing can become, Since all must have their seeds, wherefrom to grow, Wherefrom to reach the gentle fields of air.

~Lucretius

Our life must once have end; in vain we fly From following Fate; e'en now, e'en now, we die.

~Lucretius

I own with reason: for, if men but knew Some fixed end to ills, they would be strong By some device unconquered to withstand Religions and the menacings of seers.

~Lucretius

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