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### Lucretius Quotes (Author of The Way Things Are)

Web of translations Of the translations: I prefer Smith's prose to Alicia Stallings's verse, which is too cute and cloying; but I also love the Mallock adaption, which creates a kind of self-help or wisdom verse modeled on Fitzgerald's Rubaiyat I like Melville best.

### Lucretius, De Rerum Natura, BOOK I, line 1

. Indeed, and were there not For each its procreant atoms, could things have Each its unalterable mother old? Through this knowledge, superstition is thrown down and trampled underfoot, and by his victory we are raised equal with the stars. Greenblatt begins The Swerve with an account of his youthful discovery of Lucretius through Martin Ferguson Smith's excellent prose translation.

### Lucretius: On the Nature of Things

Either of which Shuts off escape for thee, and does compel That thou concede the all spreads everywhere, Owning no confines. He returns briefly to the gods later in this book lines 1642 to 1646 , but never clarifies precisely the nature of their material substance. Nevertheless, a small minority of scholars argue that Jerome's assertion may be credible.

### Lucretius' On the Nature of Things: Poetry, Materialism, and Pleasure

For the man himself Against the senses by the senses fights, And hews at that through which is all belief, Through which indeed unto himself is known The thing he calls the fire. All sensation is explained by contact.

### A Useful Recent Translation of Lucretius' "On The Nature of Things"

For one thing after other will grow clear, Nor shall the blind night rob thee of the road, To hinder thy gaze on Nature's Farthest-forth.

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At the sight of all this a kind of godlike delight mixed with awe overcomes me, to think that Nature by your power is laid open to our eyes and

unveiled on every side. Lucretius divided his argument into six books, beginning each with a highly polished introduction. The erotic poetry that he wrote does not survive: according to Ovid, its language left little to the imagination *Tristia* 2.

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