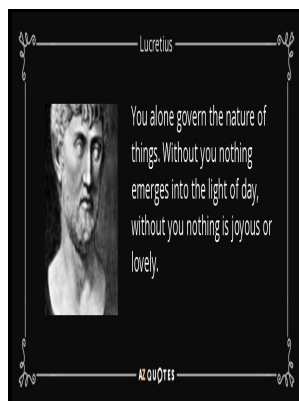


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Godwin Harmondsworth: Penguin Books, 1994 , the other tr. Thus matter, consisting of a solid frame, Hath power to be eternal, though all else, Though all creation, be dissolved away. And still I might by many an argument Here scrape together credence for my words.

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This is because a god is exempt from every pain, exempt from all dangers, strong in its own resources, not wanting anything of us, and it neither gains by favors nor is moved by anger. In that case, it is quite clear that all the matter of the whole body moves against our inclination, until the will has reined it in throughout the limbs.

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Thus, these things do not exist possessing divine sense, since they are incapable of being brought to life with vital feelings. His debt to Ennius and other early Latin poets is significant: he employs archaic words and forms, and he is fond of compound adjectives, assonance, and alliteration—all prominent features of the work of Ennius and company. So too, all reasoning of things which is founded on false interpretations of the senses will prove to be distorted and false.

On the Nature of Things (Translated by William Ellery Leonard with an Introduction by Cyril Bailey) by Lucretius

Lucretius presents the principles of atomism, the nature of the mind and soul, explanations of sensation and thought, the development of the world and its phenomena, and explains a variety of celestial and terrestrial phenomena. However, they are not so numerous that they can heat the fountain. Will you then hesitate and think it a hardship for you to die? Namely, Lucretius explores the principles of ; the nature of the and ; explanations of and ; the development of the and its phenomena; and explains a variety of and phenomena.

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