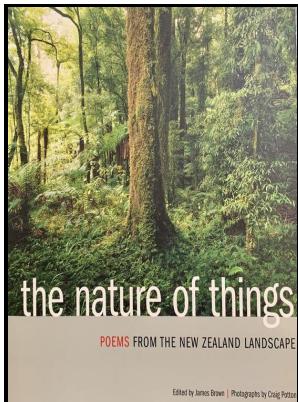


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Epicurus was a voluminous writer, but only a small percentage of what he wrote has survived. Such visions are most easily experienced by those whose minds are at peace and, although, the gods cannot be influenced by prayer or sacrifice, worship of them is beneficial to the worshipper provided that the worshipper is free of popular misconceptions about them 6.

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The second decade of the first century B. Diogenes of Oinoanda, like Lucretius, was a devoted follower of Epicurus.

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We also have eighty maxims not all of them new and not all of them written by Epicurus himself, which, because they were discovered in 1888 in a manuscript in the Vatican Library, are known as the Vatican Sayings. They are material beings, composed of exceedingly fine atoms, but, unlike other compound bodies, they continually gain new atoms to replace those they lose so that they enjoy immortality.

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As well as being poetically brilliant, the passage conveys an important message — a message that Lucretius wanted to reiterate at the beginning of the second half of his poem.

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It is to be noted that the Epicureans regarded fear of death not only as a very bad thing in itself, but also as the root cause of that feeling of insecurity that leads people to compete for wealth and power and often to commit crimes or go to war in pursuit of these objectives. The Nature of Things with David Suzuki.

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