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by Titus Lucretius Carus (known as Lucretius

born circa 99 B.C. and died in 55 B.C.),

'The Nature of Things' is an epic six-book poem that is the foundational work for the philosophical belief system known as Epicureanism. Epicureans believed pleasure to be the greatest good but the way to attain this was to live modestly and to gain knowledge of the workings of the world and the limits of one's desires. Following this belief system was intended to allow one to attain a state of tranquility, freedom from fear, and the absence of bodily pain.

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