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In accordance with the Epicurean principle *Lathe biosas* Greek for "Live unnoticed" , Horace consciously does not get involved in the complicated politics of his times, but advocates instead a life that focuses on individual happiness and virtue. In addition, Horace alludes to another inspiration, the poet Lucretius whose didactic epic *De rerum natura* "On the Nature of Things" , also written in hexameters, popularized Epicurean physics in Rome. Content[ edit ] Satire 1. Most people, the satirist argues, complain about their lot yet do not really want to change it. Our insatiable greed for material wealth is just as silly. The true basic human needs, food and water, are easily satisfied. A person who recognizes the natural limit *modus* set for our desires, the *Just Mean* between the extremes, will in the end, leave the *Banquet of Life* like a satisfied guest, full, and content. The satirist claims that there is also a natural mean with regard to sex. Our basic sexual urges are easily satisfied any partner will do , so it seems silly to run after married noblewomen instead. In the case of friends, we should be especially lenient. *Roma* "Having left great Rome" , describes a journey from Rome to *Brundisium*. It is thus, also known as the *Iter Brundisium* or *Iter ad Brundisium*. A highpoint of the satire is the central verbal contest that again, just as in *S*. With the same modesty, with which he just depicted himself in *Satire 1*. People would jeer at him because of his freedman father, and his father taught him to be content with his status in life 85â€™87 even though he made sure that his son could enjoy the same education as an aristocrat 76â€™ Just as in *S*. Initially, Greek verbosity seems to succumb to Italian acidity, but in the end, the Greek wins with a clever turn of phrase, calling on the presiding judge, *Brutus the Liberator* , to do his duty and dispose of the "king" Latin: Another hybrida like *Persius* in *S*. The god is powerless until the summer heat makes the figwood that he is made of explode, and this divine "fart" chases the terrified witches away. Horace tries in vain to get rid of the *Boor*. He assures him that this is not how *Maecenas* and his friends operate. Yet he only manages to get rid of him, when finally a creditor of the *Boor* appears and drags him off to court, with Horace offering to serve as a witness 74â€™ Here Horace clarifies his criticism of his predecessor *Lucilius*, jokingly explains his choice of the genre "nothing else was available" in a way that groups him and his *Satires* among the foremost poets of Rome, and lists *Maecenas* and his circle as his desired audience. Literary success[ edit ] Both in antiquity and in the Middle Ages, Horace was much better known for his *Satires* and the thematically-related *Epistles* than for his lyric poetry. In the century after his death, he finds immediate successors in *Persius* and *Juvenal* , and even *Dante* still refers to him simply as "*Orazio satiro*" *Inferno* 4.

### 2: Horace - Wikipedia

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I hate the vulgar crowd, and keep them away: A priest of the Muses, I sing a song never heard before, I sing a song for young women and boys. The power of dread kings over their peoples, is the power Jove has over those kings themselves, famed for his defeat of the Giants, controlling all with a nod of his head. He who only longs for what is sufficient, is never disturbed by tumultuous seas, nor the savage power of Arcturus setting, nor the strength of the Kids rising, nor his vineyards being lashed by the hailstones, nor his treacherous farmland, rain being blamed for the state of the trees, the dog-star parching the fields, or the cruel winter. So if neither Phrygian stone, nor purple, brighter than the constellations, can solace the grieving man, nor Falernian wine, nor the perfumes purchased from Persia, why should I build a regal hall in modern style, with lofty columns to stir up envy? Why should I change my Sabine valley, for the heavier burden of excess wealth? Virtue, that opens the heavens for those who did not deserve to die, takes a road denied to others, and scorns the vulgar crowd and the bloodied earth, on ascending wings. I forbid the man who divulged those secret rites of Ceres, to exist beneath the same roof as I, or untie with me the fragile boat: By these means Pollux, and wandering Hercules, in their effort, reached the fiery citadels, where Augustus shall recline one day, drinking nectar to stain his rosy lips. Bacchus, for such virtues your tigers drew you, pulling at the yoke holding their untamed necks: But I prophesy such fate for her warlike citizens, with this proviso: Stop wilfully repeating divine conversations, and weakening great matters with these trivial metres. Do you hear her, or does some lovely fancy toy with me? I hear, and seem to wander, now, through the sacred groves, where delightful waters steal, where delightful breezes stray. You give calm advice, and you delight in that giving, kindly ones. We know how the evil Titans, how their savage supporters were struck down by the lightning from above, by him who rules the silent earth, the stormy sea, the cities, and the kingdoms of darkness, alone, in imperial justice, commanding the gods and the mortal crowd. Great terror was visited on Jupiter by all those bold warriors bristling with hands, and by the brothers who tried to set Pelion on shadowy Olympus. Power without wisdom falls by its own weight: The gods themselves advance temperate power: Let hundred-handed Gyas be the witness to my statement: The swift fires have not yet eaten Aetna, set there, nor the vultures ceased tearing at the liver of intemperate Tityus, those guardians placed over his sin: We believe thunderous Jupiter rules the sky: Augustus is considered a god on earth, for adding the Britons, and likewise the weight of the Persians to our empire. Do you think that our soldiers ransomed for gold, will fight more fiercely next time! Yet he knew what the barbarous torturer was preparing for him. You rule because you are lower than the gods you worship: Neglected gods have made many woes for sad Italy. Already Parthians, and Monaeses and Pacorus, have crushed our inauspicious assaults, and laugh now to have added our spoils to their meagre treasures. Dacians and Ethiopians almost toppled the City, mired in civil war, the last feared for their fleet of ships, and the others who are best known for their flying arrows. Our age, fertile in its wickedness, has first defiled the marriage bed, our offspring, and homes: The young girl early takes delight in learning Greek dances, in being dressed with all the arts, and soon meditates sinful affairs, with every fibre of her new being: The young men who stained the Punic Sea with blood they were not born of such parentage, those who struck at Pyrrhus, and struck at great Antiochus, and fearful Hannibal: What do the harmful days not render less? VII Be True Why weep, Asterie, for Gyges, whom west winds will bring back to you at the first breath of springtime, your lover constant in faith, blessed with goods, from Bithynia? She tells how a treacherous woman, making false accusations, drove credulous Proteus to bring a too-hasty death to a too-chaste Bellerophon: But take care yourself lest Enipeus, next door, pleases you more than is proper: VIII Celebration You, an expert in prose in either language, wonder what I, a bachelor, am doing on the Kalends of March, what do the flowers mean, the box of incense, and the embers laid out on the fresh cut turf. I vowed sweet meats to Bacchus, vowed a pure

white goat, at that time when I was so nearly killed by a falling tree. Leave the cares of state behind in the City: Cerberus, the frightful doorkeeper of Hell, yielded to your charms, though a hundred snakes guarded his fearful head, and a hideous breath flowed out of his mouth and poisoned venom was frothing around his triple-tongued jaws. Impious what worse could they have committed? I, gentler than them, will never strike you, or hold you under lock and key. Let my father weigh me down with cruel chains, because in mercy I spared my wretched man: Go, wherever your feet and the winds take you, while Venus, and Night, both favour you: The implacable hour of the blazing dog-star knows no way to touch you, you offer your lovely coolness to bullocks, weary of ploughing, and to wandering flocks. And you, O you boys and you young girls who are still without husbands, spare us any of your ill-omened words This day will be a true holiday for me, and banish dark care: And tell that graceful Neaera to hurry and fasten all her perfumed hair in a knot: My greying hair softens a spirit eager for arguments and passionate fights: O, dear wife of poor Ibycus, put an end to your wickedness, at last, and all of your infamous goings-on: What fits Pholoe is not quite fitting for you, Chloris: Her love for Nothus forces her to gambol like a lascivious she-goat: Anxiety, and the hunger for more, pursues growing wealth. The more that a man denies himself, then the more will flow from the gods: A stream of pure water, a few woodland acres, and a confident faith in the crops from my fields, are more blessed than the fate that deceives the shining master of fertile Africa. I can eke out my income more effectively by constraining what I desire, than if I were to join the Mygdonian plains to the Lydian kingdom. To those who want much, much is lacking: XVII The Approaching Storm Aelius, noble descendant of ancient Lamus and they say the Lamiae of old were named from him, the ancestral line, through all of our recorded history: Tomorrow a storm sent from the East, will fill all the woodland grove with leaves, and the sands with useless weed, unless the raven, old prophet of rain, is wrong. Pile up the dry firewood while you can: XVIII To Faunus Faunus, the lover of Nymphs who are fleeing, may you pass gently over my boundaries, my sunny fields, and, as you go by, be kind to all my new-born, if at the end of the year a tender kid is sacrificed to you: All the flock gambols over the grassy plain, when the fifth of December returns for you: I like to rave: Why is the pipe hanging there speechless, next door to the speechless lyre? I dislike those hands that refrain: Ripe Rhode is searching for you, Telephus, you with the glistening hair, oh you, who are like the pure evening star: You apply gentle torture to wits that are mostly dull: You, Bacchus, and delightful Venus, if she would come, the Graces, reluctant to dissolve their knot, and the bright lamps, will be here, till Phoebus puts the stars to flight again. Since the destined victim, grazing, on snowy Algidus, amongst the oak and ilex trees, or fattening in the Alban meadows, will stain the axes of the priest with blood: There, as their own, the unselfish women raise those children who have lost their mothers: What use are sad lamentations, if crime is never suppressed by its punishment? What use are all these empty laws without the behaviour that should accompany them? Let the source of our perverted greed be lost, and then let our inadequate minds be trained in more serious things. To what caves or groves, driven, swiftly, by new inspiration? So does the sleepless Bacchante, stand in amazement on a mountain-ridge, gazing at Hebrus, at Thrace, shining with snow, at Rhodope, trodden by barbarous feet, even as I like to wander gazing, at river banks, and echoing groves. O, Linaeus, the danger of following a god is sweet, wreathing my brow with green leaves of the vine. Here, O here, place the shining torches, and set up the crowbars, and set up the axes, so that they menace opposite doorways. XXVII Europa Let the wicked be led by omens of screeching from owls, by pregnant dogs, or a grey-she wolf, hurrying down from Lanuvian meadows, or a fox with young: Galatea, wherever you choose to live may you be happy, and live in thought of me: But see, with what storms flickering Orion is setting. Let the wives and children of our enemy feel the blind force of the rising southerly, and the thunder of the dark waters, the shores trembling at the blow. Leaving the meadow, where, lost among flowers, she was weaving a garland owed to the Nymphs, now, in the luminous night, she saw nothing but water and stars. As soon as she reached the shores of Crete, mighty with its hundred cities, she cried: Where have I come from, where am I going? Am I awake, weeping a vile act, or free from guilt, mocked by a phantom, that fleeing, false, from the ivory gate brings only a dream? Is it not better to pick fresh flowers than to go travelling over the breadths of the sea? O if one of the gods can hear, I wish I might walk naked with lions! My absent father urges me on: Happily you can hang by the neck from this ash-tree: Venus was laughing, treacherously, with her son, his bow unstrung. Stop your sobbing, and

learn to carry your good fortune well: Venus, drawn by her swans: Escape from what delays you: Forget the fastidiousness of riches, and those efforts to climb to the lofty clouds, stop being so amazed by the smoke, and the wealth, and the noise, of thriving Rome. A change usually pleases the rich: Now the shepherd, with his listless flock, searches for the shade, and the stream and the thickets of shaggy Silvanus, the silent banks lack even the breath of a wandering breeze. Remember, with calmness, reconcile yourself to what is: Fortune takes delight in her cruel business, determined to play her extravagant games, and she alters her fickle esteem, now kind to me, and, now, to some other. Melpomene, take pride, in what has been earned by your merit, and, Muse, willingly, crown my hair, with the Delphic laurel. Index of First Lines.

### 3: Horace | Definition of Horace in English by Oxford Dictionaries

*Page - It is a hard task to treat what is common in a way of your own; and you are doing more rightly in breaking the tale of Troy into acts than in giving the world a new story of your own telling.*

By their practice, the great Roman poets Horace and Juvenal set indelibly the lineaments of the genre known as the formal verse satire and, in so doing, exerted pervasive, if often indirect, influence on all subsequent literary satire. He also owned a small property and could afford to take his son to Rome and ensure personally his getting the best available education in the school of a famous fellow Sabellian named Orbilius a believer, according to Horace, in corporal punishment. In about 46 bc Horace went to Athens, attending lectures at the Academy. Horace, however, proceeded to Rome, obtaining, either before or after a general amnesty of 39 bc, the minor but quite important post of one of the 36 clerks of the treasury *scribae quaestorii*. He now enrolled Horace in the circle of writers with whom he was friendly. During these years, Horace was working on Book I of the *Satires*, 10 poems written in hexameter verse and published in 35 bc. The *Satires* often exalt the new man, who is the creator of his own fortune and does not owe it to noble lineage. Horace develops his vision with principles taken from Hellenistic philosophy: The ideal of the just mean allows Horace, who is philosophically an Epicurean, to reconcile traditional morality with hedonism. Self-sufficiency is the basis for his aspiration for a quiet life, far from political passions and unrestrained ambition. In the 30s bc his 17 *Epodes* were also under way. Mockery here is almost fierce, the metre being that traditionally used for personal attacks and ridicule, though Horace attacks social abuses, not individuals. The tone reflects his anxious mood after Philippi. Horace used his commitment to the ideals of Alexandrian poetry to draw near to the experiences of Catullus and other *poetae novi* New Poets of the late republic. Their political verse, however, remained in the fields of invective and scandal, while Horace, in *Epodes* 7, 9, and 16, shows himself sensitive to the tone of political life at the time, the uncertainty of the future before the final encounter between Octavian and Mark Antony, and the weariness of the people of Italy in the face of continuing violence. In his erotic *Epodes*, Horace began assimilating themes of the Archaic lyric into the Hellenistic atmosphere, a process that would find more mature realization in the *Odes*. In the mids he received from Maecenas, as a gift or on lease, a comfortable house and farm in the Sabine hills identified with considerable probability as one near Licenza, 22 miles [35 kilometres] northeast of Rome, which gave him great pleasure throughout his life. After Octavian had defeated Antony and Cleopatra at Actium, off northwestern Greece 31 bc, Horace published his *Epodes* and a second book of eight *Satires* in 30â€”29 bc. In the first *Satires* Horace had limited himself to attacking relatively unimportant figures e. The second *Satires* is even less aggressive, insisting that satire is a defensive weapon to protect the poet from the attacks of the malicious. The autobiographical aspect becomes less important; instead, the interlocutor becomes the depository of a truth that is often quite different from that of other speakers. The poet delegates to others the job of critic. While the victor of Actium, styled Augustus in 27 bc, settled down, Horace turned, in the most active period of his poetical life, to the *Odes*, of which he published three books, comprising 88 short poems, in 23 bc. Horace, in the *Odes*, represented himself as heir to earlier Greek lyric poets but displayed a sensitive, economical mastery of words all his own. He sings of love, wine, nature almost romantically, of friends, of moderation; in short, his favourite topics. He creates an intermediate space between the real world and the world of his imagination, populated with fauns, nymphs, and other divinities. Some of the *Odes* are about Maecenas or Augustus: He denounces corrupt morals, praises the integrity of the people of Italy, and shows a ruler who carries on his shoulders the burden of power. At some stage Augustus offered Horace the post of his private secretary, but the poet declined on the plea of ill health. Notwithstanding, Augustus did not resent his refusal, and indeed their relationship became closer. The last ode of the first three books suggests that Horace did not propose to write any more such poems. The tepid reception of the *Odes* following their publication in 23 bc and his consciousness of growing age may have encouraged Horace to write his *Epistles*. Book I may have been published in 20 bc, and Book II probably appeared in 14 bc. These two books are very different in theme and content. They are literary letters, addressed to distant correspondents, and they are more reflective and

didactic than the earlier work. Book I returns to themes already developed in the Satires, while the others concentrate on literary topics. In these, Horace abandoned all satirical elements for a sensible, gently ironical stance, though the truisms praising moderation are never dull in his hands. The third book, the Epistles to the Pisos, was also known, at least subsequently, as the *Ars poetica*. The first epistle of Book II, addressed to Augustus, discusses the role of literature in contemporary Roman society and tells of changing taste. The second, addressed to the poet and orator Julius Florus, bids farewell to poetry, describes a day in the life of a Roman writer and discourses on the difficulty of attaining true wisdom. Horace in these works has become less joyful and less poetic. Poets are quarreling, and Rome is no longer an inspiration. It is time for him to abandon poetry for philosophy. The third book, now called *Ars poetica*, is conceived as a letter to members of the Piso family. It is not really a systematic history of literary criticism or an exposition of theoretical principles. It is rather a series of insights into writing poetry, choosing genres, and combining genius with craftsmanship. For Horace, writing well means uniting natural predisposition with long study and a solid knowledge of literary genres. This last named is dedicated to Augustus, from whom there survives a letter to Horace in which the Emperor complains of not having received such a dedication hitherto. By this time Horace was virtually in the position of poet laureate, and in 17 bc he composed the Secular Hymn *Carmen saeculare* for ancient ceremonies called the Secular Games, which Augustus had revived to provide a solemn, religious sanction for the regime and, in particular, for his moral reforms of the previous year. The hymn was written in a lyric metre, Horace having resumed his compositions in this form; he next completed a fourth book of 15 Odes, mainly of a more serious and political character than their predecessors. The latest of these poems belongs to 13 bc. One of his last requests to the Emperor was: During the latter part of his life, Horace had been accustomed to spend the spring and other short periods in Rome, where he appears to have possessed a house. He wintered sometimes by the southern sea and spent much of the summer and autumn at his Sabine farm or sometimes at Tibur Tivoli or Praeneste Palestrina, both a little east of Rome. He himself confirms his short stature and, describing himself at the age of about 44, states that he was gray before his time, fond of sunshine, and irritable but quickly appeased. Influences, personality, and impact To a modern reader, the greatest problem in Horace is posed by his continual echoes of Latin and, more especially, Greek forerunners. The echoes are never slavish or imitative and are very far from precluding originality. Two of the incidents, however, prove to have been lifted—and cleverly adapted—from a journey by the earlier Latin satirist Lucilius. Often, however, Horace provides echoes that cannot be identified since the works he was echoing have disappeared, though they were recognized by his readers. Very often he names as a model some Greek writer of the antique, preclassical, or Classical past 8th—5th centuries bc, whom he claims to have adapted to Latin—notably, Alcaeus, Archilochus, and Pindar. Modern critics have noticed that what unites Horace to Alcaeus is a particular kind of allusion: Horace begins his poem with a translation of lines from his model. The critical term is motto. Similarly, Horace has a subtly allusive relationship to Archilochus, which can be seen in the aggressively iambic character of the ending of some of the Epodes and the placing of Archilochean mottoes usually at the beginning in other Epodes. It seems that Horace admires Pindar for his sublime style and aspires to that ideal in his most serious poems. The man who emerges is kindly, tolerant, and mild but capable of strength; consistently humane, realistic, astringent, and detached, he is a gentle but persistent mocker of himself quite as much as of others. His self-portrait is also a confession of an attitude that descends from melancholy to depression. Some modern critics believe that he may have been clinically depressed. His attitude to love, on the whole, is flippant; without telling the reader a single thing about his own amorous life, he likes to picture himself in ridiculous situations within the framework of the appropriate literary tradition—and relating, it should be added, to women of Greek names and easy virtue, not Roman matrons or virgins. To his male friends, however—the men to whom his Odes are addressed—he is affectionate and loyal, and such friends were perhaps the principal mainstay of his life. The gods are often on his lips, but, in defiance of much contemporary feeling, he absolutely denied an afterlife. Some of his modern admirers see him as the poet of the lighter side of life; others see him as the poet of Rome and Augustus. Both are equally right, for this balance and diversity were the very essence of his poetical nature. But the second of these roles is, for modern readers, a harder and less palatable conception, since the idea of poetry serving the state is not

popular in the West—and still less serving an autocratic regime, which is what Horace does. Yet he does it with a firm, though tactful, assertion of his essential independence. And he refers openly to his own juvenile military service against the future Augustus, under Brutus at Philippi. He himself ran away, he characteristically says, and threw away his shield. But that, equally characteristically, turns out to be copied from a Greek poet—indeed from more than one. It is not autobiography; it is a traditional expression of the unsuitability of poets—and of himself—for war. The whole poem absolves Horace of any possible charge of failing, because of his current Augustan connections, to maintain loyalty to his republican friends. But, above all, he deeply admired him for ending a prolonged, nightmarish epoch of civil wars. So great was that achievement that Horace, at least, had no eye for any crudities the new imperial regime might possess. The Emperor was on more delicate ground when he sought, by social legislation, to purify personal morals and to protect and revive the Roman family. But here, too, Horace, in spite of his own erotic frivolity, was with him, perhaps because of the famous austerity of his Sabine stock. And so the Secular Hymn contains a specific allusion poetically not altogether successful to these reforms. But these Odes are by no means wholly political, for much other material, including abundant Greek and Roman mythology, is woven into their dense, compact, resplendent texture. This cryptic, riddling sonority is the work of a poet who saw himself as a solemn bard vates, a Roman reincarnation of Pindar of Thebes—because, a stately Greek lyricist. Thereafter, the medieval epoch had little use for the Odes, which did not appeal to its piety, although his Satires and Epistles were read because of their predominantly moralistic tones. The Odes came into their own again with the Renaissance and, along with the *Ars poetica*, exerted much influence on Western poetry through the 19th century. And still new versions, some of them admirable, continue to appear.

## 4: Horace Inspirational Quotes | A-Z Quotes

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Historical context[ edit ] Horace composed in traditional metres borrowed from Archaic Greece , employing hexameters in his Satires and Epistles, and iambs in his Epodes, all of which were relatively easy to adapt into Latin forms. His Odes featured more complex measures, including alcaics and sapphics , which were sometimes a difficult fit for Latin structure and syntax. Despite these traditional metres, he presented himself as a partisan in the development of a new and sophisticated style. He was influenced in particular by Hellenistic aesthetics of brevity, elegance and polish, as modeled in the work of Callimachus. Though elitist in its literary standards, it was written for a wide audience, as a public form of art. Archilochus and Alcaeus were aristocratic Greeks whose poetry had a social and religious function that was immediately intelligible to their audiences but which became a mere artifice or literary motif when transposed to Rome. However, the artifice of the Odes is also integral to their success, since they could now accommodate a wide range of emotional effects, and the blend of Greek and Roman elements adds a sense of detachment and universality. It was no idle boast. Whereas Archilochus presented himself as a serious and vigorous opponent of wrong-doers, Horace aimed for comic effects and adopted the persona of a weak and ineffectual critic of his times as symbolized for example in his surrender to the witch Canidia in the final epode. His work expressed genuine freedom or *libertas*. Horace instead adopted an oblique and ironic style of satire, ridiculing stock characters and anonymous targets. His *libertas* was the private freedom of a philosophical outlook, not a political or social privilege. There was nothing like it in Greek or Roman literature. Occasionally poems had had some resemblance to letters, including an elegiac poem from Solon to Mimnermus and some lyrical poems from Pindar to Hieron of Syracuse. Lucilius had composed a satire in the form of a letter, and some epistolary poems were composed by Catullus and Propertius. But nobody before Horace had ever composed an entire collection of verse letters, [73] let alone letters with a focus on philosophical problems. The sophisticated and flexible style that he had developed in his Satires was adapted to the more serious needs of this new genre. His craftsmanship as a wordsmith is apparent even in his earliest attempts at this or that kind of poetry, but his handling of each genre tended to improve over time as he adapted it to his own needs. Nevertheless, the first book includes some of his most popular poems. This often takes the form of allusions to the work and philosophy of Bion of Borysthenes [nb 13] but it is as much a literary game as a philosophical alignment. By the time he composed his Epistles, he was a critic of Cynicism along with all impractical and "high-falutin" philosophy in general. Over time, he becomes more confident about his political voice. Epicureanism is the dominant influence, characterizing about twice as many of these odes as Stoicism. A group of odes combines these two influences in tense relationships, such as Odes 1. While generally favouring the Epicurean lifestyle, the lyric poet is as eclectic as the satiric poet, and in Odes 2. This book shows greater poetic confidence after the public performance of his "Carmen saeculare" or "Century hymn" at a public festival orchestrated by Augustus. In it, Horace addresses the emperor Augustus directly with more confidence and proclaims his power to grant poetic immortality to those he praises. It is the least philosophical collection of his verses, excepting the twelfth ode, addressed to the dead Virgil as if he were living. In that ode, the epic poet and the lyric poet are aligned with Stoicism and Epicureanism respectively, in a mood of bitter-sweet pathos. What is true and what befits is my care, this my question, this my whole concern. Ambiguity is the hallmark of the Epistles. It is uncertain if those being addressed by the self-mocking poet-philosopher are being honoured or criticized. Though he emerges as an Epicurean, it is on the understanding that philosophical preferences, like political and social choices, are a matter of personal taste. Thus he depicts the ups and downs of the philosophical life more realistically than do most philosophers. His Odes were to become the best received of all his poems in ancient times, acquiring a classic status that discouraged imitation: We think rather of a voice which varies in tone and resonance but is always recognizable, and which by its unsentimental humanity evokes a very special blend of liking and respect. My friend, you would not tell with such high zest To

children ardent for some desperate glory, The Old Lie: Dulce et decorum est Pro patria mori. More developments are covered epoch by epoch in the following sections. Ovid followed his example in creating a completely natural style of expression in hexameter verse, and Propertius cheekily mimicked him in his third book of elegies. As mentioned before, the brilliance of his Odes may have discouraged imitation. Conversely, they may have created a vogue for the lyrics of the archaic Greek poet Pindar, due to the fact that Horace had neglected that style of lyric see Pindar Influence and legacy. Both Horace and Lucilius were considered good role-models by Persius, who critiqued his own satires as lacking both the acerbity of Lucilius and the gentler touch of Horace. Ancient scholars wrote commentaries on the lyric meters of the Odes, including the scholarly poet Caesius Bassus. By a process called *derivatio*, he varied established meters through the addition or omission of syllables, a technique borrowed by Seneca the Younger when adapting Horatian meters to the stage. Works attributed to Helenius Acro and Pomponius Porphyrio are the remnants of a much larger body of Horatian scholarship. Porphyrio arranged the poems in non-chronological order, beginning with the Odes, because of their general popularity and their appeal to scholars the Odes were to retain this privileged position in the medieval manuscript tradition and thus in modern editions also. Horace was often evoked by poets of the fourth century, such as Ausonius and Claudian. Prudentius presented himself as a Christian Horace, adapting Horatian meters to his own poetry and giving Horatian motifs a Christian tone. What has Horace to do with the Psalter? Boethius, the last major author of classical Latin literature, could still take inspiration from Horace, sometimes mediated by Senecan tragedy. German print of the fifteenth century, summarizing the final ode 4. Classical texts almost ceased being copied in the period between the mid sixth century and the Carolingian revival. These became the ancestors of six extant manuscripts dated to the ninth century. Two of those six manuscripts are French in origin, one was produced in Alsace, and the other three show Irish influence but were probably written in continental monasteries Lombardy for example. His influence on the Carolingian Renaissance can be found in the poems of Heiric of Auxerre [nb 24] and in some manuscripts marked with neumes, mysterious notations that may have been an aid to the memorization and discussion of his lyric meters. This hymn later became the basis of the solfège system Do, re, mi The German scholar, Ludwig Traube, once dubbed the tenth and eleventh centuries The age of Horace *aetas Horatiana*, and placed it between the *aetas Vergiliana* of the eighth and ninth centuries, and the *aetas Ovidiana* of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, a distinction supposed to reflect the dominant classical Latin influences of those times. Such a distinction is over-schematized since Horace was a substantial influence in the ninth century as well. A twelfth century scholar encapsulated the theory: Horace wrote four different kinds of poems on account of the four ages, the Odes for boys, the *Ars Poetica* for young men, the Satires for mature men, the Epistles for old and complete men. Dante referred to Horace as *Orazio satiro*, and he awarded him a privileged position in the first circle of Hell, with Homer, Ovid and Lucan. The most prolific imitator of his Odes was the Bavarian monk, Metellus of Tegernsee, who dedicated his work to the patron saint of Tegernsee Abbey, St Quirinus, around the year The content of his poems however was restricted to simple piety. His verse letters in Latin were modelled on the Epistles and he wrote a letter to Horace in the form of an ode. However he also borrowed from Horace when composing his Italian sonnets. Montaigne made constant and inventive use of Horatian quotes. The first English translator was Thomas Drant, who placed translations of Jeremiah and Horace side by side in *Medicinable Morall*, Ben Jonson put Horace on the stage in *Poetaster*, along with other classical Latin authors, giving them all their own verses to speak in translation. English literature in the middle of that period has been dubbed Augustan. There were three new editions in two in Leiden, one in Frankfurt and again in Utrecht, Barcelona, Cambridge. Cheap editions were plentiful and fine editions were also produced, including one whose entire text was engraved by John Pine in copperplate. Horace was often commended in periodicals such as *The Spectator*, as a hallmark of good judgement, moderation and manliness, a focus for moralising. The fictional hero Tom Jones recited his verses with feeling. Horatian-style lyrics were increasingly typical of Oxford and Cambridge verse collections for this period, most of them in Latin but some like the previous ode in English. He composed a controversial version of Odes 1. Thus for example Benjamin Loveling authored a catalogue of Drury Lane and Covent Garden prostitutes, in Sapphic stanzas, and an encomium for a dying lady "of salacious memory". Samuel Johnson took particular pleasure in

reading The Odes. He even emerged as "a quite Horatian Homer" in his translation of the Iliad. Quos procax nobis numeros, jocosque Musa dictaret? Milton recommended both works in his treatise of Education. Translations occasionally involved scholars in the dilemmas of censorship. Thus Christopher Smart entirely omitted Odes 4. He also removed the ending of Odes 4. Thomas Creech printed Epodes 8 and 12 in the original Latin but left out their English translations. Philip Francis left out both the English and Latin for those same two epodes, a gap in the numbering the only indication that something was amiss. French editions of Horace were influential in England and these too were regularly bowdlerized. William Thackeray produced a version of Odes 1. Horace was translated by Sir Theodore Martin biographer of Prince Albert but minus some ungentlemanly verses, such as the erotic Odes 1. Lord Lytton produced a popular translation and William Gladstone also wrote translations during his last days as Prime Minister. Housman considered Odes 4. Auden for example evoked the fragile world of the s in terms echoing Odes 2. And, gentle, do not care to know Where Poland draws her Eastern bow, What violence is done; Nor ask what doubtful act allows Our freedom in this English house, Our picnics in the sun. The obscene qualities of some of the poems have repulsed even scholars [nb 37] yet more recently a better understanding of the nature of Iambic poetry has led to a re-evaluation of the whole collection.

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