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Lucrezio, l'atomo e la parola: Colloquio lucreziano Bologna 26 gennaio 1989 (Quaderni della Biblioteca di Discipline Umanistiche, 3). Bologna, editrice CLUEB, 1990. 109 pp. Pr. L 20.000.

This beautifully printed and bound volume contains four papers on Lucretius by Francesco Adorno, Edoardo Vineis, Alberto Grilli and Ezio Raimondi, with a short introduction by Alfonso Traina. The papers were delivered at a colloquium on Lucretius, held on the occasion of the publication of Ivano Dionigi's *Le parole e le cose* (Bologna 1988). For a review of that study, I refer to my contribution in Mnemosyne, 44 (1991), 232-5.

Not surprisingly, Dionigi's book is not seriously criticized by any of the scholars participating in the colloquium. His main idea that according to Lucretius linguistic structures correspond to structures of reality at large, and even precede them, is accepted as an established fact rather than a new and interesting concept needing further investigation and discussion. In an *intervento finale*, Dionigi himself merely restates his position. The papers are not only rather uncritical, but also bear the marks of oral performance. Accordingly, the book makes pleasant reading, but brings hardly anything new.

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