

SECULAR WRITERS / *Acts 17:28*

On four occasions at least, the apostle Paul quoted popular literary/dramatic works. While these references do not prove that Paul attended plays or read many secular writers, they do indicate that he was familiar enough with certain works to include their sayings as illustrations in his sermons and letters.

Name	When lived	Quote	From what source?	Quoted where in Scripture
Epimenides (a Cretan poet)	c. 600 B.C.	"For in him we live and move and exist."	Cretica	Acts 17:28
Aratus (a Cilician poet)	c. 315-240 B.C.	"We are his offspring."	Phaenomena 5	Acts 17:28
Menander (a Greek poet)	c. 342-292 B.C.	"Bad company corrupts good character."	Thais	1 Corinthians 15:33
Epimenides	c. 600 B.C.	"The people of Crete are all liars; they are cruel animals and lazy gluttons."	De Oraculis	Titus 1:12