

LANDOR, Walter Savage: Epicurus, Leontion and Ternissa.

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I happened to find this just last night and this looks like a page from a book, and it is a collector's item. I've been looking to find out if there are any more "Epicurean conversations" by Landor to be found on the internet. [Joshua](#), maybe you know about this?

LEONTION



OUR SITUATION FOR A GARDEN, EPICURUS, IS, I THINK, VERY BADLY CHOSEN.

EPICURUS

WHY DO YOU THINK SO, MY LEONTION?

LEONTION

FIRST, BECAUSE IT IS MORE THAN TWENTY STADIA FROM THE CITY.

EPICURUS

CERTAINLY THE DISTANCE IS INCONVENIENT, MY CHARMING FRIEND! IT IS RATHER TOO FAR OFF FOR US TO BE SEEN, & RATHER TOO NEAR FOR US TO BE REGRETTED. HERE, HOWEVER, I SHALL BUILD NO VILLA, NOR ANYTHING ELSE, & THE LONGEST TIME WE CAN BE DETAINED, IS FROM THE RISING TO THE SETTING SUN. Now,

([Source](#))

I happened to find this before the newest posting by [Don](#) ([article which talks about pinpointing the exact location of the Garden](#)).

Here is a bit more about the writer and poet Landor...from Wikipedia:

Quote

The Imaginary Conversations were begun when Landor was living in [Florence](#) and were initially published as they were completed between 1824-9, by which time they filled three volumes. The dialogues, not yet divided into categories, were initially given the composite title *Conversations of Literary Men and Statesmen*. With their success Landor continued to write more, as well as to polish and add to those already published. Some appeared first in literary reviews, as for example the conversation between "Southey and Porson" on William Wordsworth's poetry in 1823, predating the first published series of conversations in the following year. Various supplemented editions followed each other until there were five volumes containing nearly 150 conversations.