

Epicurus' Rejection of Dialectic (Cicero's De Oratore)

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Quote

Dialectic is a thing of closed logic, of minor and major [premises](#) leading inexorably toward irrefutable conclusions.

This seems to be nonsense and disqualifies Higgins as worth to read. Irrefutable conclusions exist only in logic but not in dialectic. The straight-forward logical description of dialectic contains contradictions of the type "A and not A". Whereas dialectic as derived from dialogue and used by Plato may sometimes be useful, the way Hegel's dialectic mimics logic is rather an unintended parody of logic and invalid.