

PD10 - Interpretations of PD 10 Discussion

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Ah, DeWitt. I have intentionally not finished re-reading all of *Epicurus and His Philosophy*. This is exactly what I mean by making each Doctrine do more work than it has to. When you (and DeWitt) say...:

Quote from Cassius

Plato is never mentioned by name in the principle doctrines

...I have to ask, "Then is Plato really there?" Epicurus and his school had plenty of other schools and philosophers to refute, both contemporary and older ones. I'm maintaining that PD 10 is a direct attack/refutation against the Cyrenaics.

I'm definitely NOT saying that Epicurus and his school didn't need to address Plato's philosophy, and I agree with DeWitt *in general* on that point. But, frankly, Dewitt's penchant for finding precursors of Christianity everywhere in Epicurus makes me wary of his finding anti-Platonic elements everywhere, too.