

Battling Ladies of the 19th Century - Fighting Over Epicurus vs Plato - "PHILOTHEA - Or Plato Against Epicurus" - A Response to Frances Wright's "A Few Days In Athens"

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i am close to resigning myself to reporting that the title "Plato Against Epicurus" is true only in the most abstract sense. While it does appear that Childs had in mind the writing of a proper response to "A Few Days In Athens," she did so by constructing an entirely self-contained story set in the time of Pericles and Plato, and there is no mention of Epicurus whatsoever. I can tell already that in having Plato speak she is emphasizing doctrines that are clearly non-Epicurean, but there seems to be little if any point and counterpoint, and no real effort to compare much of anything from the two doctrines. it's going to take someone highly motivated to wade through the story to look for passages of philosophic importance, and I doubt it makes sense to prioritize this while there is so much else to be done.