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5. Theon accuses Leontium of “materialism” and Leontium replies that a matter of fact can be neither moral nor immoral.
6. Leontium says inquiry is everything; theory and hypothesis can be worse than nothing when they amount to preconceived abstractions of vice or virtue.
7. Leontium says no moral truths are self evident, but require observation and reasoning to determine the consequences of actions.
8. Leontium addresses the “first cause” argument and responds that the universe is eternal and has no first cause.
9. Leontium addresses the argument that the universe is ‘ordered’ by observing that what we see as order is only our perception of the way things are.
10. Metrodorus points out the error of considering atoms to be “inert” and asserts that life is a quality of matter.
11. Leontium points out that qualities do not exist apart from the matter with which they associated, and that Aristotle was wrong in asserting the opposite.
12. Frances Wright interjects an editor’s note and laments that the scientists of her day adopt Epicurean ideas without crediting Epicurus.

Note: The use of video is strictly optional. We welcome any of our friends who choose to use audio only.

Important Links:

[Link to PDF of the original book at Archive.org.](#)

AFDIA Website with the entire book: <http://www.afewdaysinathens.com>

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