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About halfway through and had a thought about being open to other ideas, etc. At least the Epicureans didn't walk themselves off from other philosophers' ideas. The number of books they wrote against other schools show that they definitely engaged with other ideas. To counter them and argue against them, of course; but they were engaged in the marketplace of ideas.

I feel like you are baiting me, Don, and I'm not above taking it! 😊

That is all true, of course. But I think a more focused approach is required when trying to clarify (or communicate) one's own ideas.

Also, since this is a thread about DeWitt, it seems appropriate to cite him for support:

Quote

In the case of the refutative writings...the objective was not victory in controversy, but rather to discredit all rival teachings...and to insulate the minds of disciples against all other doctrines.

I take that with a grain of salt, though, as possibly an over-broad generalization. Still, I think it makes my point that different approaches are required in different contexts.