

# Was Atlantis An Allegorical Flight of Fancy Like Plato's Cave And His Ideal Forms?

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It is entirely a literary invention of Plato

And of course some scholars throw out all of *Timaeus*, as a mere "rhetorical exercise" that Plato himself did not take seriously. But it could be just the opposite. It among his last works, and seems to be a sustained, sincere look into the best model of nature he could come up with. In book 14, Epicurus appears to interpret the *Timaeus* literally.