

# The Absence of Sin

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Yes "mistake" or "failure" is the idea for ἡ ἄμαρτία. Using that same word, Epikouros in On Nature Book 14, says (of Plato):

"but some people **make a mistake** (ἀμαρτάνουσιν) regarding these component elements."

Full quote is:

"...Such is the case for those who define one particular shape for fire, or earth, or water, or air: since they are more ridiculous than those who do not define any type of shape for each element -- given that, in their comparative juxtapositions, those who define a specific shape for each element should have agreed, either willingly or unwillingly, that certain multiple particular forms of shapes are produced which can affirmatively be said to be substantial, in accordance with each compound. But some people **make a mistake** (ἀμαρτάνουσιν) regarding these component elements, and there is something more consistent to be said that pertains to these elements -- speaking in this way, those who define one particular shape for each element could also entirely refer to the variety in the mixtures..."

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