

# **An Observation On Using Opposing Philosophers To Argue Epicurean Positions**

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Great point. As a bit of "an exception that proves the rule," we do have:

"[Epicurus] especially approved of Anaxagoras among the ancients, Diocles says – even though in some respects [Epicurus] had opposed [Anaxagoras] – and also [Epicurus approved of] Archelaus, the teacher of Socrates."

μάλιστα δ' ἀπεδέχετο, φησὶ Διοκλῆς, τῶν ἀρχαίων Ἀναξαγόραν – καίτοι ἔν τισιν ἀντειρηκῶς αὐτῷ – καὶ Ἀρχέλαον, τὸν Σωκράτους διδάσκαλον Diogenes Laertius (fl.c. 220 CE), 10.12 fin.