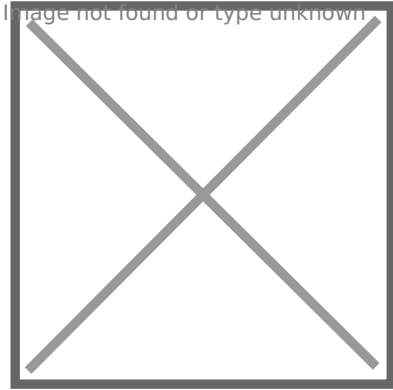


An Observation On Using Opposing Philosophers To Argue Epicurean Positions

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Commentators since antiquity have seen connections between Virgil's Dido and the philosophy of the Garden, and several recent studies have drawn attention...

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6 Heraclitus reveals that the supposed connection is in fact more precise: there was an established tradition of reading Odysseus' professed appreciation of Phaeacian pleasures (Od. 9.5-11) as an Epicurean manifesto. Odysseus delivers his famous declaration, of course, at the Phaeacian banquet soon after his rescue by the princess Nausikaa.

(PS. I realize Homer isn't a philosopher, but this seemed appropriate in light of the direction of this thread)