

# Simulacra, gods and the dead

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While others may be aware of this, I just discovered this week (listening to the Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics podcast) that an alternate story of Helen of Troy has her living out the war in Egypt while an image or εἶδωλον is sent by a god to Troy. After the city falls, the Helen εἶδωλον simply fades away in the wind.

I find it fascinating that this is the same word Epicurus uses for "images". Granted, words can evolve in meaning but I thought that was an interesting etymological trivia.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helen\\_of\\_Troy?wprov=sfla1](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helen_of_Troy?wprov=sfla1)