

Dating the Works of Epicurus

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From *Philodemus and the New Testament World*:, approximations from Marcello Gigante:

Table 1: *Philodemus' Ethical Works*1. *Treatises on Character and Life* (Περὶ ἠθῶν καὶ βίων)a. *those attested with Περὶ ἠθῶν καὶ βίων in the title*

PHerc. ^o	TITLE	HAND	SCRIBE	DATE*
1471	Π. η. καὶ β., ὅ ἐστι Περὶ παρρησίας (<i>On Frank Criticism</i>)	M	?	75–50
168	Π. β. καὶ η., ἢ Περὶ τοῦ μὴ (<i>or μάτην?</i>) κατὰ τὰ τυχόντα ζῆν ὑπομημάτων α' (<i>On Not Living according to Chance</i> , book 1)	?	?	75–50?

b. *probably part of the same work*

Paris 2	Περὶ διαβολῆς (<i>On Calumny</i>)	?	?	post 48 ¹
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c. *others related works on ethics*

1050	Περὶ θανάτου δ' (<i>On Death</i> , book 4)	I	?	post 40 ²
189	Περὶ θανάτου ?	?	XXXIII	50–25?
807	Περὶ θανάτου ?	L	XVIII ?	ca. 50±
873	Περὶ ὁμιλίας (<i>On conversation</i>)	L	XVIII	ca. 50±
163	Περὶ πλούτου α' (<i>On wealth</i> , book 1)	I	?	post 40
97	Περὶ πλούτου (<i>On wealth</i>)	O	XXIV	ca. 50±
312	Περὶ γάμου (<i>On marriage</i>) ?	?	?	?
1251	Περὶ αἱρέσεων καὶ φυγῶν (<i>On Choices and Avoidances</i>)? [also known as <i>The Comparetti Ethics</i>]	N	?	50–25
346	[A Protreptic Treatise: <i>Tractatus (on Epicurean Ethics)</i>]	?	?	?

^o All reference numbers and titles for Herculaneum papyri are taken from Marcello Gigante, *Catalogo dei Papiri Ercolanesi* (Naples: Bibliopolis, 1979); cf. Mario Capasso, *Manuale di papirologia ercolanese*, Studi e Testi 3 (Lecce: Congedo Editore, 1991).

* The columns for Hands, Scribes, and Dates are based on Guglielmo Cavallo, *Libri scritte scriveri a Ercolano*, Supplements to *Cronache ercolanesi* 13 (Naples: Gaetano Macchiaroli, 1983), 28–46, for all cases where Cavallo offers analysis or unless otherwise noted. The Date refers to the production of the scroll itself. All dates are B.C.E.