

# Contemporary Chronology

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I've recently been intrigued by online timelines that translate historical dates into more relatable contemporary chronologies to get a better handle on context of historical figures. So, my little project today was putting some Epicurean history into our own timeline.

Since I'm more familiar with American history, I picked 1492 CE as Epicurus's birthdate and put everything in reference to that. So, for example, in 2020, Diogenes Laertius just turned 7 or 8 years old. It'll be awhile until he writes his Lives. I plan to expand this with more dates and people but thought I'd share the work in progress:

If Epicurus was born the year that Christopher Columbus "discovered" North America, then...

- Socrates (1363-1434)  
Democritus (b.1373)
- Plato (1405-1485)  
Aristotle (1449-1511)  
Pyrrho (1472-1562)  
Chrysippus (1483-1556)  
Epicurus (1492-1562)  
Zeno of Citium (1499-1571)
- Metrodorus of Lampsacus (1502-1556)  
Hermarchus (1508-1583)
- Apollodorus fl. mid-1600s (succeeded by Zeno as Scholarch of the Athenian Garden)  
Zeno of Sidon (1683-1758)
- Philodemus (1723-1798)  
Marcus Tullius Cicero (1727-1790)  
Titus Lucretius Carus (b. 1739-)
- Quintus Horatius Flaccus ("Horace") (1768-1825)
- Epictetus (1888-1968)
- Diogenes of Oenoanda (wall dated 1950 to 1990)  
Marcus Aurelius (1954-2013)  
Lucian of Samosata (1958-after 2013)
- Diogenes Laërtius (b. 2013) would now be around 8 years old. He will begin writing his famous Lives within the next 20-30 years.