

# Epicurus' Birthday Calculations

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First, I'd suggest this one for current calculations:

<http://www.numachi.com/~ccount/hmepa/>

For the date in 341 BCE, I'd be skeptical of any exact date. Trying to align the Olympiads and the lunar cycles of any Ancient calendar is fraught with complications. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attic\\_calendar?wprov=](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Attic_calendar?wprov=) Gamelion, the month of his birth according to Laertius, falls in January to February:

"And he was born as we are told by Apollodorus, in his Chronicles, in the third year of the hundred and ninth Olympiad, in the archonship of Sosigenes [342/1 B.C.], on the seventh day of the month Gamelion [January/February], seven years after the death of Plato.