

# Astronomical Events During the Time of Epicurus (& Discussion on Letter to Pythocles Section 91)

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Quote

"The size of the sun and the remaining stars relatively to us is just as great as it appears.<sup>119</sup> [This he states in the eleventh book "On Nature." For, says he, if it had diminished in size on account of the distance, it would much more have diminished its brightness ; for indeed there is no distance more proportionate to this diminution of size than is the distance at which the brightness begins to diminish.] But in itself and actually it may be a little larger or a little smaller, or precisely as great as it is seen to be. For so too fires of which we have experience are seen by sense when we see them at a distance. And every objection brought against this part of the theory will easily be met by anyone who attends to plain facts, as I show in my work On Nature.

Aarrgh! Those is so frustrating! He's right there! Just tell us how big you think it is! One stadia? The size of a kylix? The height of the Acropolis?? Anything!  
We also don't have the volumes of On Nature. I'm sure it's in there buried in a charred scroll still underground in Herculaneum. 😭