

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

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As I interpret Lucretius, Epicurus believed that the sun and the moon inhabited the sphere of the air along with the Earth. Encircling that was the ether which held the stars. Lucretius says the sun MAY inflame the air around it which is why it's "small" but so hot. So, it appears to me, that the sun and moon were not seen as similar to the stars and that each (sun/moon then stars) inhabited different parts of our Cosmos. The Earth, sun, and moon were round celestial bodies surrounded by "air." The stars and planets ("wandering" stars) were fires, of some sort, embedded in the ether.