

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

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<https://www.loc.gov/collections/fi...-and-cosmology/>

"By the 5th century B.C., it was widely accepted that the Earth is a sphere. This is a critical point, as there is a widespread misconception that ancient peoples thought the Earth was flat. This was simply not the case."

Plato's cosmology outline

<https://faculty.washington.edu/smcohen/320/timaeus.htm>

Plus, added bonus: This finally shows me why Epicurus wrote his "The Angles of the Atom." Plato thought atoms only came in 2 triangular shapes! Epicurus and Democritus had many shapes.

Also see section on Hellenistic astronomy here

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Greek_astronomy