

7 Gamelion (Mon., 10 Jan): Happy Birthday, Epicurus!

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[Quote from Joshua](#)

Have you looked into the connection with "Apollo Epicurius", that is, Apollo the Helper?

And Apollo's epithet of Epicurius is the same word used in Epicurus's name:

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, ἐπίκουρ-ος](#)

"helper, ally, protector, patron"

I don't know of any other gods with that specific epithet, so arguably Neocles and Chaerestrates could have been thinking of Apollo Epicurius when they named their son. Maybe Gamelion 7 is always a feast day of Apollo and, if Epicurus was born on that day, naming your son after the god dedicated to that day couldn't hurt. "Hey, we named him after you. Watch over him!"

Here's also an old post of mine that bring out the connection of Apollo with the 20th:

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[Thoughts on DeWitt, Chapter 5](#)

And so we arrive in Athens!

[...]

Footnote 4 cites Diogenes Laertius (DL) 10.5.:

[...]

It's interesting that in the last chapter, DeWitt wrote about Epicurus's adding mentions of the gods in his letters, using this exact example: Παιὸν ἄναξ Paiananax. DeWitt is consistent in his "Glory be" translation here. Paiananax is a reference to Apollo and DeWitt's translation removes us from the cultural context of Epicurus's world. I realize DeWitt is paraphrasing, but "Glory be" seems to miss the...



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