

Epicurus' Birthdate

Post by "Cassius" of July 8, 2022 at 1:13 PM

Great post Nate. What is your conclusion - the seventh of Gamelion I presume?

I kind of see this as symptomatic of a lot of the commentary on Epicurus - it seems generally sloppy and people regularly say things that are not supportable in the texts.

Maybe to be generous, when there are so relatively few people interested in him many it is easier to make mistakes since there are so few eyeballs watching what is published.

And the divergences you cite are largely pre-internet age. As per the comments yesterday about the Wikipedia entries, in the age of the Internet it's both easier to correct AND easier for perpetuate errors.

This is a problem with no easy solution.