

Epicurus' Birthdate

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Quote

The 21st day: "the later tenth". The Attic month had three days named "tenth" (equivalent in a straight sequence to the 10th, 20th, and 21st days). These were distinguished as

10th: "the tenth (of the month) waxing"

20th: "the earlier tenth" (i.e. waning)

21st: "the later tenth" (i.e. waning)

Does this clarify things for you? 😞

Also of note; the 7th day of each month was (apparently) sacred to Apollo. Since one of the aspects of that God was *Apollo Epicurius*, is it too bold to propose that Neocles and Chaerestrates may have had this in mind when they named him? Or perhaps Epicurus really was born on the 10th or 20th, and later ancient commentators pigeonholed him into the seventh to fit the Apollo connection.

Impossible to say. But I would like to see this "3 tenths" business cleared up.