

Epicurus' Birthday 2023 - (The Most Comprehensive Picture Yet!)

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The Gamelion 7 is from Apollodorus, cited by Diogenes. However, it has been demonstrated that the only month & date birthdays Apollodorus gives are for Socrates and Plato. He gives Epicurus's as occurring in Gamelion with a gloss notation of 7 in the text. Gamelion is simply noted as the ****7th month**** of the Athenian calendar! It's not a date!

Can we confirm that Apollodorus was Diogenes' only source for original Epicurus' birthdate?

I am curious - *if* we can demonstrate that Epicurus' actual birthdate is only every attributed to Gamelion 20 (and that the 7th and 10th are misinterpretations) is it the case that (a) we have no record of the actual date of Epicurus' birth and that we only have attestation to the ceremonial celebration with friends? Or (b) was he, *coincidentally*, born on Eikas?