

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

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I have become convinced by @Don's argument and I believe that disputing it will require (at least) adequate answers to questions that arise from the position that Diogenes provides inconsistent dates that require explaining:

1. Why would Epicurus choose to celebrate *his own Birthday* on a day that is other than his *birthdate*?
2. Why would Epicurus appropriate practices from the pre-existing cult of the Eikadistai who celebrated the 20th?
3. What justifiable significance would be attached to the 10th compared with the 20th (or 7th)?
4. What significance would the 10th and 20th carry for someone born on the 7th?
5. Given that later biographers of Epicurus did not use the Attic calendar, why would they have felt it more important to denote the day *within* Gamelion rather than explaining to their readers which sequential month *is* Gamelion?