

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

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

I mean this humorously and I am in no way turned off by the discussion as I find it fascinating but what's the sentence in the raw material that stands out?

"Discussion of the details of the Athenian calendar became in their hands so abstruse that for decades few other scholars have ventured into the jungle."



I have no opinions on this but reading about these details is fascinating.

Oh, and we're not even discussing the "abstruse" part!! 😄 If you take a look at their books in Internet Archive, you'll see abstruse! Calculations of days correlated with lunar cycles cross-referenced with prytanies and archonships with discussions of omitted days! By Zeus, the Athenian calendar was definitely a constant work in progress and it looks like it was overtly political and open to revision when it came to something as basic as the number of days in each month!!!