

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

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Also Don what do you take Pliny's point to be in this discussion? The "thus?"

We don't live on after we die. The portraits (to which he was referring in the previous section) simply display the wealth of the dead people, not their character.

And this is important for the 20th discussion because Pliny was not Epicurean but he reported what he saw and what he was told. The fact that his villa was close enough to Pompeii and Herculaneum that he could get to the doomed city while the eruption was happening tells me he undoubtedly had contact with Epicureans. He didn't celebrate the Eikas but he could have easily seen people celebrating it. Same goes for Pliny the Younger of someone wants to say that her added this to book 35. Either way, we're covered!