

Dating the Works of Epicurus

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While we can't date the more popular publications, Philodemus provides an **unusually-well-documented** list of Epistles, dated per each Archon. [Clay preserves this list \(51-54\)](#):

(forgive the formatting errors)

YEAR/S - **Archon Name**

- **Epistle No.** Common name (reference).

307/6 - **Anaxikrates**

The date of Epicurus' move to Athens, Diogenes Laertius, X.2.)

300/299 - **Hegemachos**

- **No. 1.** Peri phuseos Book XV (Arrighetti, p. 292).

296/5 - **Nikias**

- **No. 2. Peri phuseos** Book XXVIII (Arrighetti, p. 321).

- **No. 3.** A letter written eri Nikíov, Philodemus, On Epicurus II, fr. 1.7 (Vogliano, p. 59).

294/3 - **Olympiodoros**

- **No. 4.** A letter to a person unknown, from Philodemus, Πραγμα XIV.11

292/1 - **Philippos**

- **No. 5.** A letter to Polyainos and Leonteus of Lampsakos on the Stoics in Athens, Pap.Herc. 176, fr. 5, XXIV. 14-15 (Vogliano, p. 50; Arrighetti, [67]).

- **No. 6.** To Themista of Lampsakos reporting on the young Pythokles, Philodemus, Πρα MOTEiaL IV.8-10 (Arrighetti, [501]).

- **No. 7.** To friends in Lampsakos on poverty, Philodemus, On Wealth XXXV.38 (Tepedino Guerra, p. 67; Arrighetti, [96]).

291/0 - **Charinos**

- **No. 8.** Letters sent to Polyainos, Charino magistratu, Seneca, Epistulae 18.9 (Arrighetti, [831]).

- **No. 9.** A letter to Polyainos, Philodemus, On Epicurus, fr. 5.1 (Vogliano, p. 65; Arrighetti [841]).

- **No. 10.** A letter to a person unknown, Philodemus, On Piety, Pap. Herc. 1098, X. 12 (Gomperz, p. 125; Arrighetti, [106] [lines 938-939 Obbink]).

- **No. 11.** To a person unknown, Philodemus, On Piety, Pap. Herc. 1077, X.1 (Gomperz, p. 105; Arrighetti, [107] [lines 840-841 Obbink]).

- **No. 12.** To Polyainos on poverty, Philodemos, On Wealth XXXIV.8 (Tepedino Guerra, p. 66; Arrighetti. (1081).
- **No. 13.** A letter to a person unknown, Philodemos, On Wealth XXXV.8 (Tepedino Guerra, p. 67; Arrighetti, [109]).

290/289 - **Telokles**

- **No. 14.** To Mithres, on a reversal of fortune, Philodemos, On Wealth XXXVI.9 (Tepedino Guerra, p. 67; Arrighetti, [791]).

289/8 - **Aristonymos**

- **No. 15.** To Mithres, acknowledging a contribution to the school, Philodemos, Πρααα XXXIV.1 (Diano, p. 32; Arrighetti, [74]).
- **No. 16.** To Phyrson of Kolophon on the piety of a certain Theodotos. Philodemos. On Piety, Pap. Herc. 1098, XII. 15 (Gomperz, p. 127; Arrighetti, [93] [lines 797-801 Obbink]).

286/5 **Diokles**

- **No. 17.** A letter to Anaxarchos and Leontion, Pap. Herc. 176, fr. 5, XXV.31-32 (Vogliano, p. 51).

285/4 **Diotimos**

- **No. 18.** To Phyrson, Philodemos, Πραγατα XV.1-2 (Arrighetti, [94]).
- **No. 19.** If the name Diotimos is that of the archon; cf. No. 11. A Diotimos appears in Pap. Herc. 1780, VIII, fr. 1 [On Piety, lines 841-842 Obbink]. If he is Diotimos Ευόοτον Ενουαίςns he cannot be the recipient of a letter from Epicurus; cf. W. Croenert, Kolotes und Menedemos, Leipzig 1906, pp. 82-83.

284/3 **Isaios**

- **No. 20.** To a person unknown, Philodemos, Πραγατε XXXII. 14 (Diano, p. 19; Arrighetti, [110]).
- **No. 21.** To a person unknown, apparently on the education of the sons of Menoikeus, Philodemos, adv. [Sophistas], fr. 16 (Sbordone 1947, p. 78; Arrighetti, [111]).

283/2 **Euthios**

- **No. 22.** On a setback of the Macedonians to a person unknown, Philodemos, On the Stoics, Pap. Herc. 339, V.9 (Arrighetti, [112]) [**Gli Stoici" VI.9 Dorandi].

281/0 **Ourios**

- **No. 23.** To Leonteus, Philodemos, Ιατρα XXXII.15-16 (Diano, p. 19; Arrighetti, [68]).

279/8 **Anaxikrates**

- **No. 24.** To a person unknown, Philodemos, On the Stoics V.13, En'] 'Avatuk[p]á[rous (cf. Croenert [under No. 19], p. 54, n. 259) [*Gli Stoici" VI.13 Dorandil.

278/7 **Demokles**

- **No. 25.** To Kolotes of Lampsakos, possibly on the death of Metrodoros, Pap. Herc. 176, fr. 5, XXVIII.3-4 (Vogliano, p. 54 [cf. Gomperz in Hermes 5, 1871, pp. 387-388]; Arrighetti,[62]).

- **No. 26.** To Mithres, Philodemos, Maya XXIX. 17 (Diano, p. 15; Arrighetti, [75]).

274/3 **Euboulos**

- **No. 27.** To Idomeneus of Lampsakos, Philodemos, Πραυσατ XXVI.14 (Diano, p.12; Arrighetti, [601]).

- **No. 28.** To Mithres on frugality, Philodemos. Πραυατῖα XXX.16-17 (Diano, p. 16; Arrighetti, [76]).

- **No. 29.** To a person unknown, asking for somebooks of Demokritos, Philodemos, adv. [Sophistas], fr. 13 (Sbordone 1947, p. 75; Arrighetti, [113]).

271/0 **Pytharatos**

- **No. 30.** To Mithres on his approaching death, Philodemos, Πραυατῖα XXXI.3-4 (Diano, p. 17; Arrighetti, [77])

I note that Epicurus maintained a correspondence with Mithres for over two decades.