

Welcome Wbernys!

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I've actually already read Gellar-Goad's article [Don](#) but sad to say I find it a little muddled and think we just need to accept the Epicureans we're wrong on this, they simply didn't have the tools we have. I think explanations of "real meaning" fall a little flat and remind me of how Christians explain Jesus failed apocalyptic predictions.

However, I want to make clear I'm not trying to demean them due to some antiqued science, everyone else in Antiquity got the size wrong as the article points out and as [Cassius](#) points out the Epicureans at least had reliable and good reasons for their beliefs unlike Platonic nonsense about Astral Gods or Aristotle's Aether or Pliny the Elder's "things tend toward their natural place" explanation for why antipodes don't fall off. They were wrong but had more integrity than most. That's what counts in the end.