

Welcome Nal!

Post by "Cassius" of January 24, 2018 at 2:42 PM

Welcome [Nal](#) ! When you have time, please let us know a little about your background and interest in Epicurus. Thanks for joining us!

Post by "Nal" of January 24, 2018 at 2:49 PM

Hi Cassius:

I am a new member of Epicurean friends. I am also a member of Epicurus Philosophy List. Vince Cook, the moderator of EPL has stated the following:

'Epicurus's birthday, the traditional date on the ancient Attic calendar, the tenth of Gamelion, begins at sunset [on January 26th](#) this year.'

Your calendar marks Epicurus's Birthday Jan 23rd.

I will appreciate your comments.

Thanks

Post by "Cassius" of January 24, 2018 at 2:56 PM

Hi Nal! I am afraid that I was not able to calculate this myself, and was working with info provided by friends of Epicurus in Greece at [this thread on Facebook](#). Also using [this](#).

We initially calculated the 26th, but switched based on this comment: "But the right, and as Diogenes Laertius reports, is 7 days after the new moon in the month Gamelion, thus Epicurus birthday - for this year - is 23rd of January." That was the conclusion of two of our friends in Greece.

Do you know the basis of Vince's calculation? We'd certainly like to get it right! Thank you!

Post by “Elli” of January 24, 2018 at 3:11 PM

Hi Nal, nice to meet you here.

This was my mistake too. I counted 10 days after the new moon that it started this year 17th of January, but as Diogenis Laertius reports is 7 days after the new moon in the month Gamelion, thus Epicurus birthday - for this year - was yesterday the 23 rd of January.

[Thanks](#)

Post by “Cassius” of January 24, 2018 at 3:48 PM

Thank you for responding Elli! Vince Cook is one of the most respected Epicurus students out there, so Nal if you know how he calculated it, let us know. I see on the moon calendar that there is a start and finish of the new moon over several days, so I can see that being a source of ambiguity.