# Observation About The Opening Of The Letter To Menoeceus vs The Letters To Pythocles and Herodotus

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I have never seen any, Godfrey. I have never seen any information whatsoever about who Menoeceus was, or anything about its context. I am not aware that there is any information about it at all other than what is in Diogenes Laertius, which gives very little.

The only things are [illegible] the letter to Pythocles

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116 Such was his teaching on things celestial. As regards
117 the principles of living and the grounds on which we ought to choose some things and avoid others, he writes the following letter. But before considering it let us explain what he and his followers think about the wise man. Injuries are done by men either through hate or

And then this, before and after the letter, which Bailey represents here by the line of dots so he

such as belongs to a god, which admits of no increase, and the happiness which is concerned with the addition and subtraction of pleasures. Now we must proceed to the letter.

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135 In several works he rejects all kinds of prophecy, and specially in the *Shorter Summary* He says, ‘Prophecy does not exist, and even if it did exist, things that come to pass must be counted nothing to us’. So much for his theory of morals, which he has discussed more fully elsewhere

As far as I know, that is the extent of our knowledge about the letter to Menoeceus.