

Episode One Hundred Thirty-Four - The Letter to Menoecus 01- Context and Opening of the Letter

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[Quote from Kalosyni](#)

From [Tufts website](#):

"Writings that urged young men to study philosophy formed a distinct literary genre among the ancients under the name "protreptics." The [Epistle to Menoecus](#) of Epicurus is an extant example."

And this article: "Ancient Philosophic Protreptic and the Problem of Persuasive Genres"

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.1525/rh.1986.4.4.309>

Quote

"The protreptic has as its explicit aim the winning of a student for philosophy. The student must be won at different levels--for the love of wisdom generally, for the choice of a particular school, for full commitment to the rigors of an advanced discipline."

FYI:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protreptics>

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