

# Porphyry - Letter to Marcella -"Vain Is the Word of the Philosopher..."

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Checking our copy of Long & Sedley, The Hellenistic Philosophers, entry 25C , is Usener 221. Their note reads:

Quote

Context: culmination of a long string of ethical quotations from Epicurus. For the Epicurean medical metaphor, cf. Gigante [271], Nussbaum [270].

So, we should look at the preceding "string" to see if we agree with that context in the letter. The anonymous nature of the quotes just gives me pause.

Gigante is in Italian in Cronache Ercolanesi, 1975, 53-61

Nussbaum is her chapter in Schofield & Striker, The norms of nature: studies in Hellenistic ethics (1986)