

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

**Post by "Don" of June 13, 2023 at 1:17 PM**

Cassius: Take a look at that pdf I linked to. Some good thoughts there.

And I personally don't have a problem with that line:

Every disturbance and unprofitable desire is removed by the love of true philosophy.

Usener calls that U457. disturbing there is παραχώδης tarakhōdēs which is related to ataraxia.

It looks like sections 27-31 of the letter are supposed to be from an Epicurean text. Again, check out that pdf.