

# Article on the "Letter to Marcella" by Porphyry

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I'm not terribly familiar with Porphyry's works, many that survive are fragmentary or quoted by secondary sources.

It seems that the specific section of the letter does support a knowledge of Epicurean principles

Porphyry is of course best known for his biography of his master Plotinus and the his arrangement of the Enneads. He wrote some anti-Christian polemical works that did not survive except in secondary sources.

He and his pupil Iamblichus did not see eye to eye on the interpretation of Neoplatonic doctrine.

Porphyry also suffered from a depressive nature. He says that he even considered suicide at one point in his biography.