

Article on the "Letter to Marcella" by Porphyry

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Porphyry is somewhat of an enigma due to the lack of complete extant writings.

We know everything that we can possibly know about Plotinus from Porphyry. Most importantly we know who and what influenced Plotinus from Porphyry. Specifically, we learn that the teacher of Plotinus was Ammonius Saccus.

We know he hated the Christians, but revered Jesus as a holy man.

His writing and philosophy, like most of the Neoplatonists, is very technical and based in Platonic and Pythagorean principles.