

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

Post by "Bryan" of June 3, 2025 at 11:17 PM

[Quote from Don](#)

Oh, this looks promising?

http://www.epicuros.gr/pages/en/Tempe...us_Porphyry.pdf

This was written by Elias Tempelis (Professor of Philosophy at the Hellenic Naval Academy) to accompany his presentation for the 9th Panhellenic Symposium of Epicurean Philosophy.

His interpretation also excludes the quote Elli rejects, but he argues that most of the letter contains quotes from our school (with Porphyry only parenthetically adding his objectionable content). So Tempelis represents the most "optimistic" interpretation. I am inclined to agree.

Thank you for sharing this, Don. I do not think we discussed it.