

Observation About The Opening Of The Letter To Menoeceus vs The Letters To Pythocles and Herodotus

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Yes that is an excellent observation too -- something is different about this letter. I wonder if [Elli](#) has any insight into the stylistic issues involved? Or whether the name "Menoeceus" has any background meaning?

So we know from the other two major letters that Epicurus used the standard format of beginning his letters with an explanation of why he was writing, yet in this one he apparently just launches into a discourse with no context.

And we know (or think we know) that this one as written in a very different style.

The other letters give us at least a small amount of information about the recipient, in telling us why they were written. I wish we know anything at all about who "Menoeceus" was, other than that he was someone who apparently had had prior direct dealings with Epicurus.