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## Porphyry's Arrangement of the *Enneads*

*List of Enneads as Arranged by Porphyry and the Corresponding Chronological Order*

Enn.	Chron.	Enn.	Chron.	Enn.	Chron.
1.1	53	3.1	3	5.1	10
1.2	19	3.2	47	5.2	11
1.3	20	3.3	48	5.3	49
1.4	46	3.4	15	5.4	7
1.5	36	3.5	50	5.5	32
1.6	1	3.6	26	5.6	24
1.7	54	3.7	45	5.7	18
1.8	51	3.8	30	5.8	31
1.9	16	3.9	13	5.9	5
2.1	40	4.1	21	6.1	42
2.2	14	4.2	4	6.2	43
2.3	52	4.3	27	6.3	44
2.4	12	4.4	28	6.4	22
2.5	25	4.5	29	6.5	23
2.6	17	4.6	41	6.6	34
2.7	37	4.7	2	6.7	38
2.8	35	4.8	6	6.8	39
2.9	33	4.9	8	6.9	9

*Enneads in Chronological Order and the Corresponding Order  
 of Porphyry*

Chron.	Enn.	Chron.	Enn.	Chron.	Enn.
1	1.6	19	1.2	37	2.7
2	4.7	20	1.3	38	6.7
3	3.1	21	4.1	39	6.8
4	4.2	22	6.4	40	2.1
5	5.9	23	6.5	41	4.6
6	4.8	24	5.6	42	6.1
7	5.4	25	2.5	43	6.2
8	4.9	26	3.6	44	6.3
9	6.9	27	4.3	45	3.7
10	5.1	28	4.4	46	1.4
11	5.2	29	4.5	47	3.2
12	2.4	30	3.8	48	3.3
13	3.9	31	5.8	49	5.3
14	2.2	32	5.5	50	3.5
15	3.4	33	2.9	51	1.8
16	1.9	34	6.6	52	2.3
17	2.6	35	2.8	53	1.1
18	5.7	36	1.5	54	1.7

## Abbreviations of Other Ancient Works and Authors

### AËTIUS (AËT.)

*Plac.*     *Placita*

### ALCINOUS (ALC.)

*Did.*     *The Handbook of Platonism*

### ALEXANDER OF APHRODISIAS (ALEX.)

*De an.*     *On the Soul*  
*in Metaph.*     *Commentary on Aristotle's Metaphysics*  
*Mant.*     *Supplement to On the Soul*  
*Quaest.*     *Quaestiones*  
*Temp.*     *On Time*

### APULEIUS (APUL.)

*Plat.*     *On Plato and His Doctrine*

### ARISTOTLE (ARIST.)

*An. post.*     *Posterior Analytics*  
*An. pr.*     *Prior Analytics*  
*Cael.*     *On the Heavens*  
*Cat.*     *Categories*  
*De an.*     *On the Soul*  
*Eth. Eud.*     *Eudemian Ethics*  
*Eth. Nic.*     *Nicomachean Ethics*  
*Gen. an.*     *On the Generation of Animals*



<i>Gen. corr.</i>	<i>On Generation and Corruption</i>
<i>Metaph.</i>	<i>Metaphysics</i>
<i>Part. an.</i>	<i>On the Parts of Animals</i>
<i>Phys.</i>	<i>Physics</i>
<i>Pol.</i>	<i>Politics</i>
<i>Top.</i>	<i>Topics</i>

## ARISTOXENUS (ARISTOX.)

<i>Harm.</i>	<i>Elements of Harmony</i>
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## ARNOBIUS (ARN.)

<i>Adv. nat.</i>	<i>Against the Heathens</i>
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## CALCIDIUS (CALC.)

<i>in Tim.</i>	<i>Commentary on Plato's Timaeus</i>
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## CICERO (CIC.)

<i>Fin.</i>	<i>De finibus</i>
<i>Luc.</i>	<i>Lucullus</i>

## CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA (CLEM.)

<i>Exc. Theod.</i>	<i>Excerpts from Theodotus</i>
<i>Strom.</i>	<i>Miscellanies</i>

## DAMASCIUS (DAM.)

<i>in Phd.</i>	<i>Commentary on Plato's Phaedo</i>
<i>Princ.</i>	<i>On First Principles</i>

## DAVID (DAV.)

<i>in Porph.</i>	<i>Commentary on Porphyry's Isagoge</i>
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DEXIPPUS (DEXIPP.)

*in Cat.*      *Commentary on Aristotle's Categories*

DIOGENES LAERTIUS (DIOG. LAERT.)

Elias (El.)

*in Cat.*      *Commentary on Aristotle's Categories*

*in Porph.*    *Commentary on Porphyry's Isagoge*

EPICURUS (EPICUR.)

*Ep. Hdt.*                                      *Letter to Herodotus*

Epiphanius of Salamis (Epiph.)

*Adv. haer.*                                      *Against Heresies*

EUCLID (EUC.)

*El.*      *Elements*

EUNAPIUS (EUN.)

*VS*      *Lives of the Sophists*

EUSEBIUS (EUSEB.)

*Hist. eccl.*      *Ecclesiastical History*

*Praep. evang.*      *Preparation for the Gospel*

GALEN (GAL.)

*Foet. form.*      *The Shaping of the Embryo*

*PHP*              *The Doctrines of Hippocrates and Plato*

*Prop. plac.*      *My Own Doctrines*

*QAM*              *The Capacities of the Soul Depend on the Mixture  
of the Body*

Herodotus      (Hdt.)

## HIPPOLYTUS (HIPPOL.)

*Ref. omn. haer.*     *Refutation of All Heresies*

## IAMBlichUS (IAMB.)

*Comm. math.*     *On General Mathematical Science*  
*De an.*     *On the Soul*  
*in Tim.*     *Commentary on Plato's Timaeus*  
*in Nic.*     *Introduction to Arithmetic*  
*Myst.*     *On the Mysteries*

## IRENAEUS (IREN.)

*Adv. haer.*     *Against Heresies*  
 Lucretius     (Lucr.)

## JOHN LYDUS (LYD.)

*Mens.*     *On the Months*

## MARCUS AURELIUS (M. AUR.)

*Med.*     *Meditations*

## MICHAEL OF EPHEsus (MICH.)

*in Eth. Nic.*     *Commentary on Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics*

## MICHAEL PSELLUS (PSELL.)

*OD*     *De omnifaria doctrina*  
*Phil. min.*     *Philosophica minora*

## NEMESIUS (NEM.)

*Nat. hom.*     *On Human Nature*

## NICOMACHUS OF GERASA (NICOM.)

*Ar.*     *Introduction to Arithmetic*

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*Theol. Arith.*    *Theology of Arithmetic*

## OLYMPIODORUS (OLYMP.)

*in Alc.*    *Commentary on Plato's Alcibiades*

*in Phd.*    *Commentary on Plato's Phaedo*

## ORIGEN (ORIG.)

*Cels.*    *Against Celsus*

## PHILO OF ALEXANDRIA (PH.)

*Mut. nom.*    *On the Change of Names*

*Op. Mund.*    *On the Creation*

## PLATO (PL.)

*Alc. I*    *Alcibiades I*

*Crat.*    *Cratylus*

*Ep. II*    *Letter II*

*Epin.*    *Epinomis*

*Grg.*    *Gorgias*

*Leg.*    *Laws*

*Phd.*    *Phaedo*

*Phdr.*    *Phaedrus*

*Phlb.*    *Philebus*

*Plt.*    *Statesman*

*Prm.*    *Parmenides*

*Prt.*    *Protagoras*

*Rep.*    *Republic*

*Soph.*    *Sophist*

*Symp.*    *Symposium*

*Tht.*    *Theaetetus*

*Tim.*    *Timaeus*

## PLUTARCH (PLUT.)

<i>Adv. Col.</i>	<i>Against Colotes</i>
<i>Comm. not.</i>	<i>On Common Notions</i>
<i>De an. procr.</i>	<i>On the Generation of the Soul in the Timaeus</i>
<i>De E</i>	<i>On the E at Delphi</i>
<i>De sera</i>	<i>On the Delays of the Divine Vengeance</i>
<i>De Stoic.</i>	<i>On Stoic Self-Contradiction</i>
<i>Quaest. Plat.</i>	<i>Platonic Questions</i>

## PORPHYRY (PORPH.)

<i>in Cat.</i>	<i>Commentary on Aristotle's Categories</i>
<i>Plot.</i>	<i>Life of Plotinus</i>
<i>Sent.</i>	<i>Sentences</i>

## PROCLUS (PROCL.)

<i>De mal. subs.</i>	<i>On the Existence of Evils</i>
<i>El. Theol.</i>	<i>Elements of Theology</i>
<i>in Alc.</i>	<i>Commentary on Plato's Alcibiades</i>
<i>in Crat.</i>	<i>Commentary on Plato's Cratylus</i>
<i>in Prm.</i>	<i>Commentary on Plato's Parmenides</i>
<i>in Tim.</i>	<i>Commentary on Plato's Timaeus</i>
<i>Theol. Plat.</i>	<i>Platonic Theology</i>

## PSEUDO-ARISTOTLE (PS.-ARIST.)

<i>Mund.</i>	<i>On the Cosmos</i>
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## PSEUDO-ONATAS (PS.-ONAT.)

<i>De deo</i>	<i>On God and the Divine</i>
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## PSEUDO-SIMPLICIUS (PS.-SIMPL.)

<i>in De an.</i>	<i>Commentary on Aristotle's On the Soul</i>
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## PSEUDO-TERTULLIAN (PS.-TERT.)

*Adv. omn. haer.*     *Against All Heresies*

## SEXTUS EMPIRICUS (SEXT. EMP.)

*Math.*     *Against the Mathematicians*

*Pyr.*     *Outlines of Pyrrhonism*

## SIMPLICIUS (SIMPL.)

*in Cat.*     *Commentary on Aristotle's Categories*

*in Phys.*     *Commentary on Aristotle's Physics*

## SOPHOCLES (SOPH.)

*OC*     *Oedipus at Colonus*

## STOBAEUS (STOB.)

*Eclog.*     *Eclogues*

## SYRIANUS (SYRIAN.)

*in Metaph.*     *Commentary on Aristotle's Metaphysics*

## THEMISTIUS (THEM.)

*in De an.*     *Commentary on Aristotle's On the Soul*

## THEON

*Expos. rer. math.*     *Exposition of Mathematics Useful for the  
Understanding of Plato*

*in Ptol.*     *Commentary on Ptolemy's Almagest*

## THUCYDIDES (THUC.)

*Other Abbreviations*

BG     *Berolinensis Gnosticus 8502*

- CMG Various editors, 1914–*Corpus Medicorum Graecorum* (B. G. Teubner and Akademie Verlag)
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