ANCIENT WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS

Despite the common misconception that ancient philosophy was the domain of male thinkers, sources confirm that women engaged in philosophical activity in antiquity. Bringing together a collection of essays on ancient women thinkers, with special focus on their ideas and contributions to the history of philosophy, this volume is about the earliest women philosophers, their breakthroughs, and the methods we can use to excavate them. The essays survey the methodological strategies to approach the surviving evidence, retrieve the largely unresearched thought and the original ideas of ancient women philosophers, and carve out a space for them in the canon. The broad focus includes women thinkers in ancient Indian, Chinese, and Arabic philosophy as well as in the Greek and Roman philosophical traditions. The volume will be valuable for a wide range of researchers, teachers, and students of ancient philosophy.

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Abbreviations

Aristotle (Ar.)
Apo. Posterior Analytics
Apr. Prior Analytics
Cael. On the Heavens
EE Eudemian Ethics
EN Nicomachean Ethics
GA Generation of Animals
HA History of Animals
MA On the Motion of Animals
Met Metaphysics
Mete. Meteorology
PA Parts of Animals
Phys. Physics
Protr. Protrepticus
Resp. On Respiration
Sens. On Sense and Sensibles
Top. Topics

Damascius
In Parm. On Plato’s Parmenides
In Phd. On Plato’s Phaedrus
Isid. Life of Isidorus
Procl. Life of Proclus

Epicurus
Ad Men. Letter to Menoeceus
Diss. Diatribes
VS Vatican Sayings

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List of Abbreviations

**Gregory of Nyssa**

- De An. et Res. On Soul and Resurrection
- Ep. 19 Letter 19
- VSM Life of Saint Macrina

**Hippocrates (Hp.)**

- Carn. On Fleshes
- Decent. On Good Manners
- Dieb. Judic. On Critical Days
- Ep. Epidemics
- Foet. Exsect. On the Excision of the Foetus
- Genit. On Generation
- Loc. Hom. On the Places in Man
- Mul. On the Diseases of Women
- Nat. Mul. On the Nature of Women
- Nat. Puer. On the Nature of the Child
- Oct. On the Eight-Month Child
- Praec. On Preconceptions
- Steril. On Sterile Women
- Superf. On Superfetation
- VM On Ancient Medicine

**Iamblicbus (Iamb.)**

- DCMS On the Common Mathematical Science
- De Myst. On the Mysteries
- Protr. Exhortation to Philosophy
- Theol. Arithm. Theological Principles of Arithmetic
- VP Life of Pythagoras

**Plato (Pl.)**

- Grg. Gorgias
- Leges Laws
- Men. Meno
- Parm. Parmenides
- Phd. Phaedo
- Phdr. Phaedrus
- Phil. Philebus
List of Abbreviations

Pol. Statesman
Prt. Protagoras
Rep. Republic
Symp. Symposium
Th. Theaetetus
Tim. Timaeus

Plutarch (Plu.)
Mor. Moralia
Non Posse That Epicurus Actually Makes a Pleasant Life Impossible

Porphyry (Porph.)
Marc. Letter to Marcella
VP Life of Pythagoras

Proclus (Procl.)
In Alc. On Plato’s Alcibiades
In Cra. On Plato’s Cratylus
In Phil. On Plato’s Philebus
In Rep. On Plato’s Republic
In Tim. On Plato’s Timaeus
Inst. Elements of Theology
Theol. Plat. Platonic Theology

Ps-Archytas (Ps-Arch.)
De Vir. Bon. On the Good and Happy Man
Intell. On the Intellect and Sense Perception
Univ. Log. On the Universal Logos
Wisdom On Wisdom

Seneca
Aga. Agamemnon
Ben. On Benefits
Const. On the Firmness of the Wise Person
Ep. Moral Epistles
Helv. On Consolation to Helvia
HF The Mad Hercules
List of Abbreviations

Ira    On Anger
Marc. On Consolation to Marcia
Tro.  The Trojan Women

Synesius
Ad Pae. On an Astrolabe
Ep. Epistles

Other authors
Alcin. Didask. Alcinous, The Handbook of Plato
Cic. Off. Cicero, On Obligations
Clem. Strom. Clement of Alexandria, Stromata
Cod. Vat. Gr. The Codex Vaticanus
D.L. Diogenes Laertius, Lives of Eminent Philosophers
Ecph. De Regn. Ecphantus, On Kingship
Eur. Her. Euripides, Heracles
Euryp. Life Euryphamus, Concerning Human Life
Eus. PE Eusebius, Preparation for the Gospel
Gnom. Vat. Gnomologium Vaticanum e Codice Vaticano Graeco 743
Hippol. Ref. Hippolytus, Refutation of All Heresies
Jer. Adv. Iovin Jerome, Against Iovianus
Liv. AUC Livy, Ab Urbe Condita
Origen Cels. Against Celsus
Phint. Moderation Phintys, On the Moderation of Women
Phot. Bibl. Photius, Bibliotheca
Plotinus, Enn. Ennead
S.E. PH Sextus Empiricus, Outlines of Pyrrhonism
SSR Socratis et Socraticorum Reliquiae
Stob. Flor. Stobaeus, Florilegium
Strab. Geog. Strabo, Geography
SVF Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta
Tac. Ann. Tacitus, Annals
Theag. Virt. Theages, On the Virtues
Xen. Mem. Xenophon, Memorabilia