

The Wisdom of Hypatia

Chapter 1: Introduction

Learning Outcomes:

- You will understand the value of Hypatia's teaching for people today
- You will understand the importance of an ordered program of spiritual growth
- You will know the nine-month plan of study for learning Hypatia's way of life
- You will know the facts of Hypatia's life and death

Key Ideas:

- Spiritual initiation is through *purification, illumination, and revelation*
- The first degree of wisdom is *Epicureanism*, the philosophy of the *Garden*, which seeks joy and tranquility by moderating your desires
- The second degree of wisdom is *Stoicism*, the philosophy of the *Porch*, which teaches you where your true freedom lies and how to use it wisely
- The third degree of wisdom is *Platonism*, the philosophy of the *Grove*, which teaches how you can be guided by the eternal forces that govern our lives
- Hypatia was a revered spiritual master with Pagan, Jewish, and Christian students
- Platonism is an ancient spiritual tradition, tested by time, but valuable to you, no matter what your religious beliefs