

Wisdom

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Understanding, Common Sense, Reason, Intelligence, Prudence, Maturity, Knowledge, Judgement : the quality of having experience, knowledge and good judgement

Hypatia of Alexandria was a philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician who lived in Alexandria, Egypt—then part of the Eastern Roman Empire—in the late 4th and early 5th Century C.E. She was considered the greatest mathematician and astronomer of her time, as well as being a popular and well-respected teacher and lecturer of philosophy.

Her charismatic lectures attracted large audiences and many loyal students including powerful political figures such as Synesius of Cyrene and Orestes, who both regularly sought advice from her.

Hypatia taught both Christians and pagans in a time when tensions between the two groups were high. Her own pagan beliefs and Neoplatonic philosophical teachings made her an enemy to the Christian church, who stripped her naked, brutally murdered her, and dragged her dismembered corpse through the streets.

Google 'Hypatia' to find out more.

