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d. 254

Presbyter, Theologian, and Teacher

- * May have been eunuch in obedience to Matt 19:12
- * Called to head School of Alexandria after Clement
- * When ousted in Alexandria, moved to Palestine
- * Outstanding philosophical theologian; wrote *On First Principles* and *Against Celsus*
- * First critical biblical scholar; compiled *Hexapla*, numerous commentaries
- * Wrote *Commentary on Song of Songs*, *Life of Moses*, *Catechetical Orations*, *Contra Eunomius*

We say that this Logos dwelt in the soul of Jesus and was united with it in a closer union than that of any other soul, because it alone has been able perfectly to receive the highest participation in him who is the very Logos and the very Wisdom and the Very Righteousness himself.

Against Celsus, 5.39

For how can anyone be said to believe the Scripture when he does not see in it the mind of the Holy Spirit, which God would have us to believe, rather than the literal meaning?

Commentary on John, 10.27