

Rendering the Body in Pain: Pathography in Late Ancient Letters

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Although self-mastery is often identified as one of the primary characteristics of masculine virtue during the Roman Empire, self-disclosure of symptoms through letter writing afforded another route toward self-mastery. This attention to the body's symptoms enabled Christians to situate the potential virtue of the sick person alongside that of the martyr and the monk.



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