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Greek philosopher whose writings were posthumously published in six books called the *Enneads.* Plotinus studied at Alexandria and went on to teach in Rome. His writings reinterpreted the ideas of Plato, which led many later thinkers to misunderstand the original works. The ideas of Plotinus and his followers became known as Neoplatonism, and the early Christian Church adopted some of their ideas. He attempted, unsuccessfully, to found a model city to be called Platonopolis.