

## HONOUR MODERATIONS IN CLASSICS: SPECIAL SUBJECTS

### Plato: *Euthyphro* and *Meno*

This bibliography includes a selection of books and articles relevant to *Euthyphro* and *Meno*. None of these items is required reading (other than the set texts), but knowledge of any of them or of other recent work in the field will always be an advantage.

#### [A] General works and collections of essays

- H.H. Benson (ed.) *Essays on the Philosophy of Socrates* (Oxford 1992)  
I.M. Crombie *An Examination of Plato's Doctrines* (2 vols, Routledge 1962-3)  
J.M. Day (ed.) *Plato's Meno in Focus*, listed under [C] below  
W.K.C. Guthrie *A History of Greek Philosophy*, vols III-IV (Cambridge 1969/1975). Hereafter referred to as Guthrie, *HGP*.  
T. Irwin *Plato's Ethics* (Oxford 1995)  
R. Kraut (ed.) *The Cambridge Companion to Plato* (Cambridge 1992)  
R. Robinson *Plato's Earlier Dialectic* (2nd edition, Oxford 1953)  
R.B. Rutherford *The Art of Plato: Ten Essays in Platonic Interpretation* (Duckworth 1995)  
G.X. Santas *Socrates: Philosophy in Plato's Early Dialogues* (Routledge 1979)  
G. Vlastos (ed.) *The Philosophy of Socrates: A Collection of Critical Essays* (Doubleday Anchor 1971)  
N.P. White *Plato on Knowledge and Reality* (Hackett 1976))

#### [B] Set texts

*Euthyphro*: OCT, ed. E.A. Duke *et al.* (Oxford 1995). NB: this is a new edition of the text, which replaces the original OCT edition by Burnet.

*Meno*: OCT, ed. J. Burnet (Oxford 1903 -- no new edition yet)

If you are doing course IB, IIA, or IIB, you should consult your tutor or the *Examination Decrees and Regulations* for details of what you are required to read in Greek and what in English, and for details of the set translations.

#### [C] Commentaries and translations

- R.E. Allen *Plato's 'Euthyphro' and the Earlier Theory of Forms* (Routledge 1970): includes introduction, and translation interspersed with commentary  
*The Dialogues of Plato*, vol. I (Yale 1984): translation and analysis of *Apology*, *Crito*, *Euthyphro*, *Meno*, etc.  
R.S. Bluck *Plato's Meno* (Cambridge 1961): introduction, text, and commentary  
M. Brown (ed.) *Plato's Meno* (Bobbs-Merrill 1971): Guthrie's translation together with a collection of essays  
J. Burnet *Plato's Euthyphro, Apology of Socrates, and Crito* (Oxford 1924): text and commentary  
J.M. Day (ed.) *Plato's Meno in Focus* (Routledge 1994): translation by Day together with a collection of essays, many of which are listed below. Hereafter referred to as Day, *PMF*.  
C. Emlyn-Jones *Plato: Euthyphro* (Bristol Classical Press 1991): introduction, text, and commentary

- G.M.A. Grube *Plato's Meno* (Hackett 1976): translation; reprinted in *Plato: Five Dialogues*, listed next  
*Plato: Five Dialogues* (Hackett 1981): translation of *Apology*, *Crito*, *Euthyphro*, *Meno*,  
and *Phaedo*
- W.K.C. Guthrie *Plato: Protagoras and Meno* (Penguin Classics 1956): translation
- R.W. Sharples *Plato: Meno* (Aris & Phillips 1985): introduction, text, translation, and commentary
- H. Tredennick and H. Tarrant *The Last Days of Socrates*, (revised edition, Penguin Classics 1993):  
introduction to and translation of *Apology*, *Crito*, *Euthyphro*, and *Phaedo*

[D] Introductory material

(1) For brief biographies of Socrates and Plato, see respectively Santas, *Socrates*, ch. 1 and Crombie, *An Examination of Plato's Doctrines*, vol. I, ch. 1; there are longer accounts in Guthrie, *HGP*, vol. III, ch. 13 (= Guthrie, *Socrates* [Cambridge 1971], ch. 2) and vol. IV, ch. 2.

(2) On Plato's use of the dialogue form and the importance of the literary aspects of his writing see:

- M. Frede 'Plato's Arguments and the Dialogue Form', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy Suppl.*  
vol. 1992, 201-19
- R.B. Rutherford *The Art of Plato*, ch. 1

(3) Introductions to Plato's 'early dialogues' (of which *Euthyphro* is one), and *Meno's* relationship to them, can be found in:

- R. Kraut sect. I of 'Introduction to the Study of Plato', in Kraut (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*
- T. Penner 'Socrates and the Early Dialogues', in the same volume
- R.B. Rutherford *The Art of Plato*, ch. 1 and pp. 69-83

(4) There are introductions to *Euthyphro* in Emlyn-Jones, *Plato: Euthyphro*, and Allen, *Plato's 'Euthyphro' and the Earlier Theory of Forms*; to *Meno* in Sharples, *Plato: Meno*, and Day, *PMF*.

(5) For the intellectual background to both dialogues, see:

- G. Kerferd *The Sophistic Movement* (Cambridge 1981)

Further background to *Euthyphro*:

On piety and the gods see:

- K.J. Dover *Greek Popular Morality* (Blackwell 1974), pp. 246-68
- B.D. Jackson 'The Prayers of Socrates', *Phronesis* 16 (1971), 14-37
- G. Vlastos 'Socratic Piety', in his *Socrates: Ironist and Moral Philosopher* (Cambridge 1991)

On Athenian law relevant to *Euthyphro's* prosecution of his father see:

- D.M. MacDowell *Athenian Homicide Law* (Manchester 1963), pp. 1-5 and 8-15
- C. Emlyn-Jones *Plato: Euthyphro*, pp. 8-9

On the prosecution of Socrates see *Plato's Apology* and *Crito*.

[E] Works on some particular issues

(1) Socrates' arguments against *Euthyphro's* definitions of piety

- P. Geach 'Plato's *Euthyphro*: An Analysis and Commentary', *Monist* 50 (1966), 369-82 (pp. 370-2 of this also relate to (3) below: this section of the article is criticised in a number of the articles listed under (3), and in pp. 462-5 of A. Anderson, 'Socratic Reasoning in the *Euthyphro*', *Review of Metaphysics* 22 [1968-9])
- S. M. Cohen 'Socrates on the Definition of Piety: *Euthyphro* 10A-11B', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 9 (1971), 1-13; reprinted in Vlastos (ed.), *Socrates*
- G. Patzig 'Logic in the "Euthyphro"', in S.M. Stern, A. Hourani, and V. Brown (eds), *Islamic Philosophy and the Classical Tradition* (Cassirer 1972) -- an offprint of this is available at the Philosophy Library (shelf-mark O/P PAZ 1)

Modern discussions of the 'Euthyphro dilemma' (cf. *Euthyphro* 10a-11b) include:

- P. Brown 'Religious Morality', *Mind* 72 (1963), 235-44
- R.G. Swinburne 'Duty and the Will of God', *Canadian Journal of Philosophy* 4 (1974), 213-27; reprinted in P. Helm (ed.), *Divine Commands and Morality* (Oxford 1981), and in a revised version form in Swinburne, *The Coherence of Theism* (revised edition, Oxford 1993), pp. 209-16
- J.L. Mackie *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong* (Penguin 1977), pp. 229-32

(2) Does *Euthyphro* present Socrates as having a positive conception of piety?

- W.G. Rabinowitz 'Platonic Piety: An Essay toward the Solution of an Enigma', *Phronesis* 3 (1958), 108-20
- C.C.W. Taylor 'The End of the *Euthyphro*', *Phronesis* 27 (1982), 109-18
- W.S. Cobb 'The Religious and the Just in Plato's *Euthyphro*', *Ancient Philosophy* 5 (1985), 41-6
- M.L. McPherran 'Socratic Piety in the *Euthyphro*', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 23 (1985), 283-309; reprinted in Benson (ed.), *Essays on the Philosophy of Socrates*
- S.W. Calef 'Piety and the Unity of Virtue in *Euthyphro* 11E-14C', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 13 (1995), 1-26

(3) Socratic definition, and the claim that one cannot know what X is like unless one knows what X is (*Euthyphro* 2a-6e; *Meno* 70a-80e, 86d-e)

- R. Robinson *Plato's Earlier Dialectic*, esp. chs 2 & 5
- G.X. Santas 'The Socratic Fallacy', *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 10 (1972), 127-41
- A. Nehamas 'Confusing Universals and Particulars in Plato's Early Dialogues', *Review of Metaphysics* 29 (1975-6), 287-306, esp. pp. 287-97
- I.M. Crombie pp. 90-3 of 'Socratic Definition', *Paideia* 1976 (*Special Plato Issue*); reprinted as pp. 187-92 of Day, *PMF*
- N.P. White *Plato on Knowledge and Reality*, ch. 2, sects 1-2
- M. Burnyeat 'Examples in Epistemology', *Philosophy* 52 (1977), 381-98
- G. Vlastos 'What Did Socrates Understand by his "What is F?" Question?', in Vlastos, *Platonic Studies* (Princeton 1981)
- A. Nehamas Part I of 'Meno's Paradox and Socrates as a Teacher', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 3 (1985), 1-30; reprinted in Benson (ed.), *Essays on the Philosophy of Socrates*, and in Day, *PMF*
- G. Fine 'Inquiry in the *Meno*', in Kraut (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*, esp. sect. I
- T. Irwin *Plato's Ethics*, sects 12-18, 88-91

(4) Desire and the good (*Meno* 77b-78c; *Gorgias* 466a-472e; *Protagoras* 352a-358e)

- G.X. Santas 'The Socratic Paradoxes', *Philosophical Review* 73 (1964), 147-64; reprinted with

- revisions as ch. 6 of Santas, *Socrates*
- J.J. Walsh *Aristotle's Conception of Moral Weakness* (Columbia 1964), ch. 1; reprinted as 'The Socratic Denial of Akrasia', in Vlastos (ed.), *The Philosophy of Socrates*
- T. Irwin *Plato's Moral Theory* (Oxford 1977), pp. 78-82  
*Plato's Ethics*, sects 97-98
- (5) Meno's paradox, recollection, and the slave-boy example (*Meno* 79e-86c, 97d-98a; *Phaedo*, esp. 72e-84b; *Phaedrus* 245c-249d)
- Leibniz *Discourse on Metaphysics* (translated P.G. Lucas and L. Grint [Manchester 1953]), sects XXVI-XXVII; another translation can be found in Brown, *Plato's Meno New Essays on Human Understanding*, Preface, sects 44-53, and Book I, ch. i (the best translation is that by P. Remnant and J. Bennett [Cambridge 1981]; NB: in some other editions Book I, ch. i is called 'Introduction')
- I.M. Crombie *An Examination of Plato's Doctrines*, vol. II, ch. 1, sect. III, esp. pp. 135-41
- G. Vlastos 'Anamnesis in the *Meno*', *Dialogue* 4 (1965), 143-67; reprinted in Day, *PMF*, and in Vlastos, *Studies in Greek Philosophy* (ed. D.W. Graham, Princeton 1995), vol. II
- J. Moravcsik 'Learning as Recollection', in Vlastos (ed.), *Plato: A Collection of Critical Essays* (Doubleday Anchor 1971), vol. I; reprinted in Day, *PMF*
- N.P. White 'Inquiry', *Review of Metaphysics* 28 (1974-5), 289-310; reprinted in Day, *PMF Plato on Knowledge and Reality*, ch. 2
- A. Nehamas 'Meno's Paradox and Socrates as a Teacher', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 3 (1985), 1-30; reprinted in Day, *PMF*
- D. Scott pp. 351-3 of 'Platonic Anamnesis Revisited', *Classical Quarterly* 37 (1987)
- G. Fine 'Inquiry in the *Meno*', in Kraut (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to Plato*
- T. Irwin *Plato's Ethics*, sects 92-95
- P. Geach *Mental Acts* (Routledge 1957), sects 6-10
- (6) *Arete* and *episteme* (*Meno* 86c-96d; *Laches* 194c-201c; *Gorgias* 466a-479d; *Protagoras*, esp. 352a-362a)
- W.K.C. Guthrie *The Sophists* (Cambridge 1971) ch. 10 (= *HGP*, vol. III, ch. 10)
- G. Kerferd *The Sophistic Movement*, chs 9-11
- G. Vlastos pp. 226-32 of 'Socratic Knowledge and Platonic "Pessimism"', *Philosophical Review* 66 (1957); reprinted as pp. 204-10 of Vlastos, *Platonic Studies* (2nd edition, Princeton 1981)
- D.T. Devereux 'Nature and Teaching in Plato's *Meno*', *Phronesis* 23 (1978), 118-26
- K.V. Wilkes 'Conclusions in the *Meno*', *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie* 61 (1979), 143-53; reprinted in Day, *PMF*
- I.M. Crombie pp. 93-100 of 'Socratic Definition', *Paideia* 1976 (*Special Plato Issue*); reprinted as pp. 193-203 of Day, *PMF*
- T. Irwin *Plato's Ethics*, sects 96-103
- (7) *Episteme* and *doxa* (*Meno* 85b-86c, 96d-end)
- N. Gulley *Plato's Theory of Knowledge* (Methuen 1962), pp. 13-23
- I.M. Crombie *An Examination of Plato's Doctrines*, vol. II, pp. 34-41, 50-2
- M. Burnyeat 'Socrates and the Jury: Paradoxes in Plato's Distinction between Knowledge and True Belief', *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society Suppl. vol. 54* (1980), 173-91
- J. Annas *An Introduction to Plato's Republic* (Oxford 1981), ch. 8, esp. pp. 190-5, 212-15

Modern discussions of knowledge and belief include:

A.J. Ayer            *The Problem of Knowledge* (Penguin 1956), ch. 1  
R. Chisholm *Theory of Knowledge* (2nd edition, Prentice Hall 1977), ch. 1  
J. Dancy            *Introduction to Contemporary Epistemology* (Blackwell 1985), ch. 2

(8)        Hypotheses and philosophical method in the *Meno* (*Meno* 86c-96d)

R. Robinson *Plato's Earlier Dialectic*, chs 7 & 8

J.T. Bedu-Addo 'Recollection and the Argument "from a Hypothesis" in Plato's *Meno*', *Journal of Hellenic Studies* 104 (1984), 1-14

K.V. Wilkes 'Conclusions in the *Meno*', listed under (6) above

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