



## Platon in den Augen der Zeitgenossen Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Forschung des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen German Edition

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VS Verlag für Sozialwissenschaften. Paperback. Condition: New. 52 pages. Dimensions: 9.6in. x 6.7in. x 0.1in. An evaluation of Plato sine ira et studio seems hardly possible. Especially since the publication of Poppers sensational book *The open Society and its Enemies* adherents and opponents have been more sharply divided than ever. It may help to clear up the matter if we consider how Plato was regarded in Greece itself in his own time. Then we see that his contemporaries - with the exception of the more intimate circle of pupils and admirers - reacted partly with antipathy, partly with surprise because of the un-Grecian character of his philosophical and political theories. Plato was thought to be haughty and unsympathetic. This fits in with the philosophers personality as we encounter it in his books: nowhere do we find warm, genuine human kindness, spiritual values are the only thing that matters while, as with Platos teacher Socrates, the heart does not receive its due. It has been said, wrongly, that no humanist ideas may be expected from Plato, because the idea of humanism is of later origin, and in Platos time unknown. In his treatise on *Anthropismos-Humanitas* Dr. . Meerwaldt has shown this assertion to be...



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