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In addition to its interest as one of Plato's most brilliant dramatic masterpieces, the Protagoras presents a vivid picture of the crisis of fifth-century Greek thought, in which traditional values and conceptions of man were subjected on the one hand to the criticism of the Sophists and on the other to the far more radical criticism of Socrates. The dialogue deals with many themes which are central to the ethical theories which Plato developed under the influence of Socrates, notably the nature of human excellence, the relation of knowledge to right conduct, and the place of pleasure in the good life. This translation of the Protagoras was originally published in 1976. In this revised edition, C. C. W. Taylor has made a number of changes in the translation and commentary, and has added a new Preface and Introduction. The Bibliography has also been extended to include titles published up to 1990.

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评论

跨度一个月终于读完。老实讲还是非常困惑,因为苏格拉底的论证太差了,让人难以琢 磨用竟是什么。

1.注释不错。但是私货太多,有些东西完全不是文本关心的,而强行用现代视角解读, 将普罗塔戈拉的部分内容装进去。

2.不觉得苏格拉底持的立场是柏拉图赞同的。文本的用意还需深入探讨,或许苏格拉底家门敞开和卡里阿斯家门禁闭是进一步解读的入手点。

果然对付sofista就要用更多的话么-_-# 推荐本作枯燥而还算准的英译和如Protagora一样长的分析式commentary。

后2/3算是基本没对照commentary划水读完的,前1/3太过有名,但后面又有点不知所云。苏格拉底(柏拉图?)立场成谜,花费大量篇幅又不太能看清楚论证目的何在,又在结尾自己指出了自己的谬误。同样是面对智者,和Gorgias态度截然不同(当然Prota goras和Callicles的关注点也差很远就是了);就回应德性是否可教这个问题而言,思路又和Meno不同,可见场景设置真的是很重要的(笑)。btw,个人感觉就翻译而言,无法评判准确性的情况下,至少剑桥译本(Griffith译)要流畅许多。

比较感兴趣的是中间插入的普罗米修斯神话,隐含着德性教育发展的几个阶段。1.动物阶段不存在德性。2.人被造出之后,普罗米修斯为了使得人能够和动物一样凭借自然能力得以自我保存,传授了政治的德性。3.推崇政治德性教育的阶段,它逐渐成为为了建立城邦每个成员都必须拥有的社会基础,但普遍分享技艺或者社会德性教育会遇到困难。社会的维系就在于每个人都分享政治的德性,服从社会的规范,而这种服从很可能是停留在口头上的,会带来了智巧、伪善。在社会德性教育方面,如何规避这种伪善,中西哲学有不同的处理路径,这也是儒道对话的一个重要话题。(不知道这样的比较哲学算不算问到实质上)

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