

ANCIENT GREEK PHILOSOPHY

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OUTLINE OF SECTION 4 **PLATO'S APOLOGY**

LESSON 1 **Wisdom & the examined life** 33 minutes

απολογία | φιλοσοφία | σοφος | γνώθι σεαυτόν
opinion lover of wisdom wise man examined life

A | Meaning of the title, 'Apology'

- 1 | Apología | απολογία 0:18
- 2 | Greek trials 3:40

B | The nature of wisdom

- 1 | The *Apology* as the defense of wisdom 6:11
- 2 | The word philosophia (φιλοσοφία) 9:03
- 3 | The trouble with Socrates was love, philosophia 12:35

C | Who is wise?

- 1 | Sophism – is the Sophist wise? 13:21
 - The sophos (σοφος) or wise man
- 2 | Sophistic & Socratic skepticism (Socrates' response to the Sophists) 17:20
- 3 | Is Socrates wise? – The 'verdict of Apollo' 19:35

D | The examined life – the importance of self-knowledge 22:14

- 1 | Self-knowledge in Greek ethics 22:55
- 2 | "Know thyself" (γνώθι σεαυτόν | gnothi seauton) 24:54
- 3 | Examination is the "greatest good of man" 29:36

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