

Download Understanding Plato 'the Symposium'

In this review I will compare 5 translations of Plato's Symposium: 1. Alexander Nehamas & Paul Woodruff (Hackett Pub Co, 1989). 2. Benardete (University of Chicago Press, 2001). R. E. Allen's superb new translation of Plato's Symposium brings this classic text to life for modern readers. Allen supplements his translation with a commentary that not only enriches our understanding of Plato's philosophy and the world of Greek antiquity but also provides insights into present-day philosophical concerns. Historical usages of the concept Plato. In his dialogue The Symposium, Plato has Aristophanes present a story about soulmates. Aristophanes states that humans originally had four arms, four legs, and a single head made of two faces. The son of wealthy and influential Athenian parents, Plato began his philosophical career as a student of Socrates. When the master died, Plato travelled to Egypt and Italy, studied with students of Pythagoras, and spent several years advising the ruling family of Syracuse.