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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Now that Meno has been made to understand the nature of a general definition, he answers in the spirit of a Greek gentleman, and in the words of a poet, that virtue is to delight in things honourable, and to have the power of getting them. This is a nearer approximation than he has yet made to a complete definition, and, regarded as a piece of proverbial or popular morality, is not far from the truth. But the objection is urged, that the honourable is the good, and as every one equally desires the good, the point of the definition is contained in the words, the power of getting them. And they must be got justly or with justice. The definition will then stand thus: Virtue is the power of getting good with justice. But justice is a part of virtue, and therefore virtue is the getting of good with a part of virtue. The definition repeats the word defined.



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