

## Levan Gigineishvili, "Lectures on the Ancient Philosophy"

The book discusses all the main topics of the Greek philosophical thought. Firstly, the author examines the problems of Arche and the origin of motion, these were the issues from which the Greek philosophy originated.

In this context are discussed the philosophies of Democritus, Pythagoras, Heraclitus, etc. The book analyzes the main peculiarities of Socrates' philosophy and the role of Socrates' figure in philosophy and in the history of philosophical thought.

How should we understand Cicero's words, according to which: "Socrates was the first to call philosophy down from the heavens... and compel it to ask questions about life and morality". What was the relation between Socrates and sophists? Who were these sophists and how did they substitute the logic with the rhetoric?

The philosophies of Plato and Aristotle are also discussed. The book analyzes in details the distinctiveness of their teachings and their differences.

Moreover, the author examines the philosophical school of Hellenistic period, such as: Epicureanism and Stoicism.

Lastly, the book considers the novelties introduced by the Neoplatonic philosophy and primary characteristics of this school of thought.