

“An interview with a wise man who knew nothing”

Journalist: Would you mind informing us about the place you were born?

Socrates: I am an Athenian citizen.

Journalist: When were you born?

Socrates: I was born in 470 BC in an era when Athens was in its golden age.

Journalist: Could you, please, mention some of the names which belong to the circle of your students?

Socrates: Certainly. Alcibiades, Charmides, Critias and Plato form the circle of students who are very close to me and my ideas.

Journalist: Although you are not a wealthy man, you don't take money from your students like all the sophists... Why?

Socrates: Because according to my personal point of view the ideal teacher is the one who is dedicated to his students' soul cultivation, so there is no practical matter like money.

Journalist: Which teaching methods do you follow in your students' education?

Socrates: My teaching method is based on the opinion exchange, definitions and arguments via questions and replies. I usually pretend that I know nothing about the current topic but I am interested in learning. Consequently I try to motivate my students' interest so as to discover the knowledge which is hidden in them.

Journalist: Which is the phrase that characterizes you the most?

Socrates: The only thing I know is that I know nothing. («Ἐν οἶδα ὅτι ουδέν οἶδα»)



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