

### **350-340 BCE - Death of Plato**

Plato was an Athenian philosopher during the Classical Period in Ancient Greece. He founded the Platonist School of Thought as well as the Academy. The Academy introduced a new type of education and the first institution of higher learning in the Western World.

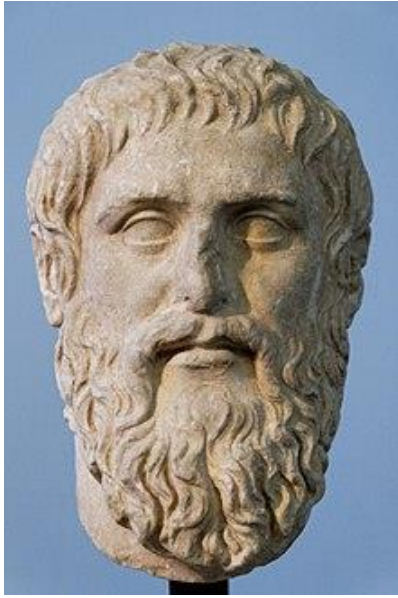


*Figure 1; Roman copy of a portrait bust by Silanion for the Academia in Athens in 370 BC. (Image from; <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plato>).*

Plato was born in 428 BCE, came from an upper-class family with political connections. However, Plato declined any sort of political career due to him not having the desire to enter the violence and corruption of the sphere and the Assembly (Voegelin E. 1957, p3-268).

*Figure 2; The Academy of Athens with Plato and Socrates standing guard. (Image by Sébastien Bertrand.*

*<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/articles/athens-plato-academy-museum-goes-digital>).*



During Voegelin's last paragraph of Death of Plato, he gives a poignant account of how he died (Schall, J.V. 2013). According to Voeglin, Plato died in his own bed without drinking hemlock, which was ordered by the laws of the democracy (Schall, J.V. 2013).

Plato died at the age of eighty-one in 347 BCE (Voegelin E.V. 1957, p3-268). According to Voegelin's Plato and Aristotle; Order and History, Plato had a Thracian girl play the flute to him before and whilst he passes (Voegelin E.V. 1957, p3-268).

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