

SUMMARY

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Ethical views of G. V. Plekhanov, the first Russian propagandist of Marxism, are analysed in the book. The author shows the firmness of Plekhanov's principles, his materialistic conception of history concerning the origin and the essence of morals and its part in social life. Philosophical and ethical theories of French materialists of the 18th century were interpreted by Plekhanov from the same view-point, their bourgeois and revolutionary character being marked. Much attention is paid to the problems of correlation between ethics and aesthetics, to the criticism of different bourgeois and petty bourgeois conceptions, and the disclosure of „God-seeking“ and „God-creation“.

The work is intended for lecturers, students and everyone who takes interest in philosophical and ethical problems.