

### 1: The Ontology of Socratic Questioning in Plato's Early Dialogues

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This is a place where I will expose my thoughts on various political issues, including responses to other blog-articles. In his opinion, the sciences and the arts collectively constituted the major drive behind the process of gentrification mentioned above. Above all, I wish to demonstrate that much of his discourse relies on assumptions that upon closer inspection seem unconvincing at best. Indeed, were it not for his knowledge of letters, and thus for an understanding and appreciation of a form of art that is integral to the sort of civility which he allegedly repudiated, Rousseau would never have been able to launch the sort of critique that is found in this discourse. To explain the reasons of my disagreement with Rousseau, we turn to an analysis of the text. Shortly thereafter, Rousseau juxtaposes two periods of Roman history in an attempt to offer further evidence for this accusation. What disastrous splendour has succeeded Roman simplicity? What is this strange language? What are these effeminate customs? What is the meaning of these statues, these paintings, these buildings? Madmen, what have you done? Have you, the masters of nations, made yourselves slaves of the frivolous men you conquered? Are these rhetoricians who govern you? Is it to enrich architects, painters, sculptors, and comedians that you watered Greece and Asia with your blood? Are the spoils of Carthage the booty of a flute player? Romans, hasten to tear down these amphitheatres, break these marble statues, burn these paintings, chase out these slaves who subjugate you and whose fatal arts corrupt you Rousseau, , p. Indeed, as Sparta and Rome were notorious for their military prowess, in part, no doubt, because of the strength of their soldiers, we can deduce that Rousseau saw this as a necessary quality on which to build a virtuous society. Assuming but not conceding that military competence constitutes the basis of a virtuous society, and that a correlation exists between the strength of an army and the physical strength i. It also seems reasonable to suggest, as Rousseau does, that the amount of physical activity a man performs on a daily basis is likely to be higher without the intervention of those externalities that enable man to spare his energies i. If both of these assumptions can be deemed true, then, for example, the invention of the wheel, a tool brought about by science which allowed man to transport materials with more ease, made man physically weaker. There is, however, an objection that can readily be made to counter this argument. Namely, that physical strength can be measured in numerous ways. If physical strength, particularly within the context of war, which is, after all, the activity that a soldier is trained to engage in, is to be measured by brute force, it seems we cannot truly say that we could predict who among two soldiers of opposing armies would win. Notwithstanding our initial objections, let us consider the matter further. Let us imagine, for instance, that two soldiers were up against one another in combat. The first is a soldier who has been unencumbered by the tools of modernity and is thus physically very strong. The second is a soldier who, despite possessing numerous tools that render his daily physical activities less strenuous, has been taught martial arts, and thus can maximize his overall strength, as well as that of his blows, to the fullest. Can Rousseau truly say, with certainty, that our first soldier would be able to defeat our second? The answer, clearly, is a resounding no. There is even room to suggest that our second soldier is much stronger than our first. That is, that military strength is a necessary precondition for a virtuous society. However, what evidence can Rousseau offer to substantiate his claim that this is so? He does, on two occasions, offer a glimpse of why he believes that strength, and military strength, are necessary. It appears, then, that he sees having and maintaining strength as the basis upon which to ensure the preservation of the species. Allegedly, there are two reasons why strength should be useful to achieve survival. In the first place, it would be useful to be able to survive in the event that all those tools we have come to rely on should at once disappear. The second reason is if we, whether as an entire people or personally, should come under attack from another. Rousseau makes it clear he sees the latter as the key reason of why military strength is essential. He cites numerous historical examples to prove this.

For his immediate survival, man may need to use his wit more than his strength, by knowing, for instance, how to build hunting weapons or how to start a fire. The same applies to when a society comes under attack by another. Strength alone, without the power of weapons that had been built with scientific knowledge, or without the ability of excogitating a plan of action through military strategy, may be utterly useless. There is another problem with the arguments of Rousseau, namely in his methodology. Despite numerous examples of downfalls of societies, he offers no causation between the development of arts and sciences and these occurrences. All he appears to do is list examples of different historic epochs, without regard for context, circumstance, or other complicating factors that differentiate these cases from one another. For instance, the examples of Charles V and his successors and that of Cyrus and the Persian Empire are different in many ways. In the first place, the two are 2, years and 5, kilometers apart. Secondly, he does not provide a link of similarities between the two victors, namely England and Greece. Finally, he never considers what was the political situation in sixteenth century Europe and that in fifth century B. Middle East, when these two Empires capitulated. Therefore, what evidence do we have that his argument is substantiated by his examples? Furthermore, if we were to accept that his examples are appropriate, is the sample large enough to merit a pattern? His line of reasoning seems substantially weakened by his failure to adequately analyze his own examples and the faults these may contain Rousseau, , p. Furthermore, if virtue is understood as moral excellence and righteousness, one could suggest that the very institution of the military, because it is trained to engage in war, is completely immoral and thus runs counter to building a virtuous society. This is not an untenable argument. We opt, instead, to close the argument on strength as a necessary precondition to virtue, and open another that was of interest to Rousseau, namely that of education. Let us then consider his view on education and how it fails to support the thesis of the discourse. Furthermore, throughout the discourse, Rousseau contends that man will be free only when he will be able to act as he sees fit. What other than this can Rousseau mean when he claims: First, that knowledge is harmful. Finally, that man can only be free when he is allowed to pursue that which is in his heart, namely his nature. Is man not acting according to his nature, and thus acting freely, even achieving a more virtuous character, when he pursues knowledge? How can what Rousseau sees to be the goal of an ideal education, namely the achievement of freedom from the burden of the sciences and arts, be feasible if it impedes freedom at the outset? If Rousseau is seeking a return to a primitive state where man is supposedly free to follow his heart, how can that be reconciled to the idea that some basic human desires, such as curiosity about the world around him, are vices that should be eliminated? Would this not be, simply, an exchange of a slavery he claims is imposed by civilization by one that is imposed by himself? During the discourse, Rousseau appeals to Socrates, one of the greatest philosophers, in his eulogy of ignorance and tells us: Socrates did not praise ignorance in its own right. This, in turn, necessitates that man should never cease his pursuit of knowledge Rousseau, , p. In a final passage, Rousseau states that: Verulam, Descartes, Newton, these preceptors of the human race had none themselves; indeed, what guides would have led them as far as their vast genius carried them? Ordinary teachers would only have restricted their understanding by confining it within the narrow capacity of their own. In the first place, Rousseau never considers the possibility that, although there may be some truth to the fact that people are born with great mental capabilities, these would have to be cultivated by others in. Who, other than teachers, be they formal tutors or family members, can engage in such cultivation? If this is true, then one can see what is the purpose of others, less great minds, to be involved in the education and the pursuit of knowledge. Secondly, Rousseau never mentions the role that sciences and arts have had in allowing these men to grow. Advancements in medicine, for instance, may be seen as responsible not only for the preservation of the species, as seen above, but also for preparing the ground upon which these great minds may flourish. This provides a good example of where science, and the learned men Rousseau scorns, may have served a purpose Rousseau, , p. Ultimately, it seems to me, it is not knowledge that enslaves men, but rather the utilization that men make of that which they discover. Faust is punished not because of his desire for knowledge, but for his uncritical desire for knowledge. Retrieved March 29, , from Britannica Web site: Discourse on the Sciences and Arts. The First

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**2: Plato on Rhetoric and Poetry (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)**

*Plato the Myth Maker [Luc Brisson and Gerard Naddaf]. The word myth is commonly thought to mean a fictional story, but few know that Plato was the first to use the term muthos in that sense.*

At a minimum, we would expect a rigorous examination of the following: Equally rigorous and systematic remarks about the differences between poetry and other art forms, such as music and painting, would be in order, as would reflection on the relation between orally delivered poetry indeed, if we are to include performance, poetry that is in one way or another enacted and poetry communicated through the written word. And yet Plato clearly thought that something of enormous importance hangs on his assessment of poetry, something that goes significantly beyond getting the details of the subject pinned down in a philosophically respectable fashion. The scope of the quarrel, especially in the Republic, also indicates that for Plato what is at stake is a clash between what we might call comprehensive world-views; it seems that matters of grave importance in ethics, politics, metaphysics, theology, and epistemology are at stake. The praisers of Homer treat him as the font of wisdom. And since Homer shaped the popular culture of the times, Plato is setting himself against popular culture as he knew it. He is addressing not just fans of Homer but fans of the sort of thing that Homer does and conveys. The critique is presented as a trans-historical one. It seems that Plato was the first to articulate the quarrel in so sweeping a fashion. It is not easy to understand what Plato means by poetry, why it is an opponent, whether it is dangerous because of its form or content or both, and whether there is much of ongoing interest or relevance in his account. These questions are complicated by the fact that Plato was not or, not primarily thinking of poetry as a written text read in silence; he had in mind recitations or performances, often experienced in the context of theater. Television and movie actors enjoy a degree of status and wealth in modern society that transcends anything known in the ancient world. When we turn to the second theme under consideration, viz. What do philosophers have to say about rhetoric? Generally speaking, very little qua philosophers. Like all reflective people, philosophers dislike rhetoric as it is commonly practiced, bemoan the decline of public speech into mere persuasion and demagoguery, and generally think of themselves as avoiding rhetoric in favor of careful analysis and argument. Consequently, philosophers, especially in modernity, have had little to say about rhetoric. By contrast, Aristotle devoted a book to the topic. And Plato struggles with rhetoric—or sophistry as it is sometimes also called, although the two are not necessarily identical—repeatedly. We recall that Socrates was put to death in part because he was suspected of being a sophist, a clever rhetorician who twists words and makes the weaker argument into the stronger and teaches others to do the same. What is it about? Once again, the question is surprisingly difficult. It is not easy to understand why the topic is so important to Plato, what the essential issues in the quarrel are, and whether rhetoric is always a bad thing. These were rhetorical, but were they merely rhetorical, let alone sophistical? These remarks prompt yet another question. However interesting the topics of poetry and rhetoric may be, when we read Plato, why group them together? Few people today would imagine that there is any interesting relation between poetry and rhetoric. Yet Plato himself associates the two very closely: Thus Plato provides our warrant for investigating the topics together. This linkage between poetry and rhetoric is of course controversial, and will be discussed below. The present essay will confine itself to just four dialogues, the Ion, Republic, Gorgias, and Phaedrus. I shall look for connections between our four dialogues, though I do not believe that our chosen texts present a picture of poetry and rhetoric that is altogether unified indeed, this could not be claimed even of the Republic taken by itself. The debate about which assumptions are best is an ongoing one, but not germane to the present discussion. Further, it is not the case that the views Plato puts into the mouth of his Socrates are necessarily espoused by Plato himself; they may or may not be those of Plato. Since Plato did not write a treatise in his own voice, telling us what his views are, it is impossible to know with certainty which views he espouses at least on the basis of the works he composed. In several cases, one of which will be examined in the final section of this essay, it seems reasonably clear that Plato cannot be

espousing without qualification a view that his Socrates is endorsing. With these principles firmly in mind, however, I shall occasionally refer as I already have to Plato as presenting this or that view. For as author of all the statements and drama of the dialogues, he does indeed present the views in question; and on occasion it is convenient and simpler to say he is advocating this or that position for example, the position that there is an ancient quarrel between philosophy and poetry. He is a performer but not a stage actor. Ion is depicted as superb at making the Iliad and Odyssey come alive, at communicating their drama to his audience and at involving them intimately. As he puts it in the dialogue that bears his name: But Ion thinks himself capable of yet more, for he also claims to be an expert in explaining what Homer means. He does not permit Ion to actually exhibit his skills as a rhapsode, and instead insists that he engage in give-and-take about the abilities Ion claims to possess. As both reciter and exegete, the rhapsode has no exact analogue today. Nonetheless, the implications of the Ion are broad; while Ion is not a poet himself, he bears important traits in common with the poet. Essentially, he attempts to show that Ion is committed to several theses that are not compatible with one another, unless a rather peculiar, saving assumption is introduced. Ion claims that he is a first rate explicator of Homer; that he is a first rate explicator only of Homer, and loses interest as well as competence if another poet such as Hesiod is brought up a3â€”4, b8â€”c2; c4â€”8 ; and that Homer discusses his subjects much better than do any other poets d4â€”11, a4â€”8. This seemingly commonsensical point is asserted by Socrates at the start c1â€”5 , and happily accepted by Ion. For example, Homer talks a great deal about how war is waged; as an expert on Homer who claims that Homer spoke beautifully about that subject in the sense of got it right , Ion must be in a position to explain just how Homer got it right and how Hesiod, say, got it wrong, as a series of simple analogies show. If you can knowledgeably e10 pick out a good speaker on a subject, you can also pick out the bad speaker on it, since the precondition of doing the former is that you have knowledge of the relevant subject matter. Let us recapitulate, since the steps Socrates is taking are so important for his critique of poetry it is noteworthy that at several junctures, Socrates generalizes his results from epic to dithyrambic, encomiastic, iambic, and lyric poetry; e5â€”a7, b7â€”c7. Further, Homer himself must have understood well that about which he speaks. Given that he discusses the central topics of human and godly life c1-d2 , it would seem that Homer claims to be wise, and that as his devoted encomiasts we too must be claiming to be wise d6-e1. But claims to wisdom are subject to counter-claims the poets disagree with each other, as Socrates points out ; and in order to adjudicate between them, as well as support our assessment of their relative merits, we must open ourselves to informed discussion both technical and philosophical. It is but a step from there to the proposition that neither Ion nor Homer can sustain their claims to knowledge, and therefore could not sustain the claim that the poems are fine and beautiful works. In passage after passage, Homer pronounces on subjects that are the province of a specialized techné art or skill , that is, a specialized branch of knowledge. But neither the rhapsode nor Homer possesses knowledge of all or indeed perhaps any of those specialized branches generalship, chariot making, medicine, navigation, divination, agriculture, fishing, horsemanship, cow herding, cithara playing, wool working, etc. Ion attempts to resist this by claiming that thanks to his study of Homer, he knows what a general for example should say d5. So Ion, and by extension Homer, are faced with a series of unpalatable alternatives: They could continue to defend the claim that they really do know the subjects about which they discourseâ€”in the sense of possess the techné kai epistémē of them, i. Yet if they do defend that claim they will be liable to examination by relevant experts. They could admit that they do not know what they are talking about. This admission could be understood in several ways: To this might be added the claim that the poets and their exponents know the nature of the cosmos and of the divine. In the Republic Socrates in effect allows them comprehensive claims to knowledge along those lines, and then attacks across the board, seeking to show that the poets have got it wrong on all important counts. So when Ion claims that Homer speaks beautifully about X, he just means that Homer speaks beautifully in a rhetorical sense even though he Homer does not necessarily know what he is talking about. By extension, the poet would on this interpretation make the same claim about himself. This would seem to reduce them to rhetoricians, which in effect is what Socrates argues in the Gorgias, with the further proviso that rhetoric as popularly

practiced is not even a *techne*. It consists in the thesis that Ion recites and Homer composes not from knowledge but from divine inspiration. Neither knows what he is saying, but is nonetheless capable of speaking or composing beautifully thanks to the divine. They are like the worshippers of Bacchus, out of their right minds b4â€™6. This creative madness, as we might call it, they share with other Muse-inspired artists as well as prophets and diviners b7-d1. The spark is generated by the god, and is passed down through the poet to the rhapsode and then to the audience. This simile helps to answer an important question: It would seem that the audience is transformed by the experience in a way that momentarily takes them out of themselves. Perhaps it does not leave them as they were, for their understanding of what properly elicits their grief or their laughter would seem to be shaped by this powerful experience, an experience they presumably repeat many times throughout childhood and beyond. None of this would matter much if superb poetry left us unmoved, or in any case as we were. One problem is indicated by the last few lines of the dialogue, where Socrates offers Ion a choice: How easy it would be to confuse divine and human madness to borrow a distinction from the Phaedrus a5â€™c4! And not all of the contenders for the prize Ion has won could be equally worthy of promotion to divine status. For Plato, this means that they must be held accountable. This would mean that they are required to engage philosophy on its turf, just as Ion has somewhat reluctantly done. The legitimacy of that requirement is itself a point of contention, it is one aspect of the quarrel between philosophy and poetry. It turns out that philosophic guardians are to rule the polis, and the next question concerns their education e2. The concern in book II is very much with the proper education of a citizen, as befits the project of creating a model city. The poems are taken as educational and thus broadly political texts; persuasion see c7 of a class of the young is very much at stake. The young cannot judge well what is true and false; since a view of things taken on at early age is very hard to eradicate or change, it is necessary to ensure that they hear only myths that encourage true virtue d7-e3. Thus while the critique of poetry in book II and beyond is in this sense shaped by the contextual concerns, it is not limited to them. The scope of the critique is breathtaking. Along the way Socrates makes yet another point of great importance, namely that the poets ought not be permitted to say that those punished for misdeeds are wretched; rather, they must say that in paying a just penalty, bad men are benefited by the god b2â€™6. Socrates is starting to push against the theses that bad people will flourish or that good people can be harmed. The cosmos is structured in such a way as to support virtue. The concern now is squarely with poetry that encourages virtue in the souls of the young. Courage and moderation are the first two virtues considered here; the psychological and ethical effects of poetry are now scrutinized. The entire portrait of Hades must go, since it is neither true nor beneficial for auditors who must become fearless in the face of death. Death is not the worst thing there is, and all depictions of famous or allegedly good men wailing and lamenting their misfortunes must go or at least, be confined to unimportant women and to bad men; e9â€™a3. The poets must not imitate see c3 for the term gods or men suffering any extremes of emotion, including hilarity, for the strong souls are not overpowered by any emotion, let alone any bodily desire. Nor do they suffer from spiritual conflict c. He does so in a way that marks a new direction in the conversation.

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Lysias was a rhetorician and a sophist whose best-known extant work is a defense speech, " On the Murder of Eratosthenes. The outcome of this speech is unknown. Summary[ edit ] The dialogue consists of a series of three speeches on the topic of love that serves as the subject to construct a discussion on the proper use of rhetoric. They encompass discussions of the soul , madness , divine inspiration, and the practice and mastery of an art. As they walk out into the countryside, Socrates tries to convince Phaedrus to repeat the speech of Lysias which he has just heard. Phaedrus makes several excuses, but Socrates suspects strongly that Phaedrus has a copy of the speech with him. Saying that while Lysias is present, he would never allow himself to be used as a training partner for Phaedrus to practice his own speech-making on, he asks Phaedrus to expose what he is holding under his cloak. Beginning with "You understand, then, my situation: You will not be giving your favor to someone who is "more sick than sound in the head" and is not thinking straight, overcome by love. He explains that it is best to give your favor to one who can best return it, rather than one who needs it most. He concludes by stating that he thinks the speech is long enough, and the listener is welcome to ask any questions if something has been left out. Socrates then proceeds to give Phaedrus credit for leading him out of his native land: Phaedrus warns him that he is younger and stronger, and Socrates should "take his meaning" and "stop playing hard to get". We are all ruled, he says, by two principles: Following your judgment is "being in your right mind", while following desire towards pleasure without reason is "outrage" hubris. The desire to take pleasure in beauty, reinforced by the kindred beauty in human bodies, is called Eros. The problem, he explains, is that one overcome with this desire will want to turn his boy into whatever is most pleasing to himself, rather than what is best for the boy. Phaedrus believes that one of the greatest goods given is the relationship between lover and boy. Because the boy has a lover as such a valuable role model, he is on his best behavior to not get caught in something shameful. To get caught in something shameful would be like letting down his lover, therefore the boy is consistently acting his best. The non-lover, he concludes, will do none of this, always ruled by judgment rather than desire for pleasure. Socrates, fearing that the nymphs will take complete control of him if he continues, states that he is going to leave before Phaedrus makes him "do something even worse". A voice "from this very spot" forbids Socrates to leave before he makes atonement for some offense to the gods. Socrates states that he is a "seer". While he is not very good at it, he is good enough for his purposes, and he recognizes what his offense has been: Second speech of Socrates a€"b [ edit ] Madness a€"c [ edit ] Socrates begins by discussing madness. If madness is all bad, then the preceding speeches would have been correct, but in actuality, madness given as a gift of the gods provides us with some of the best things we have. As they must show that the madness of love is, indeed, sent by a god to benefit the lover and beloved in order to disprove the preceding speeches, Socrates embarks on a proof of the divine origin of this fourth sort of madness. It is a proof, he says, that will convince "the wise if not the clever". A soul is always in motion and as a self-mover has no beginning. A self-mover is itself the source of everything else that moves. So, by the same token, it cannot be destroyed. Bodily objects moved from the outside have no soul, while those that move from within have a soul. Moving from within, all souls are self-movers, and hence their immortality is necessary. Hackworth the "centrepiece" of Phaedrus, and "the famous and moving account of the vision, fall and incarnation of the soul. While the gods have two good horses, everyone else has a mixture: When a soul sheds its wings, it comes to earth and takes on an earthly body that then seems to move itself. However, foulness and ugliness make the wings shrink and disappear. All the gods, except for Hestia , follow Zeus in this procession. While the chariots of the gods are balanced and easier to control, other charioteers must struggle with their bad horse, which will drag them down to earth if it has not been properly trained. Feeling wonderful, they are taken around until they make a complete circle. On the way they are able

to see Justice, Self-control, Knowledge, and other things as they are in themselves, unchanging. When they have seen all things and feasted on them, coming all the way around, they sink back down inside heaven. They see some things and miss others, having to deal with their horses; they rise and fall at varying times. Other souls, while straining to keep up, are unable to rise, and in noisy, sweaty discord they leave uninitiated, not having seen reality. Where they go after is then dependent on their own opinions, rather than the truth. Any soul that catches sight of any true thing is granted another circuit where it can see more; eventually, all souls fall back to earth. Those that have been initiated are put into varying human incarnations, depending on how much they have seen; those made into philosophers have seen the most, while kings, statesmen, doctors, prophets, poets, manual laborers, sophists, and tyrants follow respectively. It generally takes 10, years for a soul to grow its wings and return to where it came, but philosophers, after having chosen such a life three times in a row, grow their wings and return after only 3, years. This is because they have seen the most and always keep its memory as close as possible, and philosophers maintain the highest level of initiation. They ignore human concerns and are drawn towards the divine. While ordinary people rebuke them for this, they are unaware that the lover of wisdom is possessed by a god. This is the fourth sort of madness, that of love. When reminded, the wings begin to grow back, but as they are not yet able to rise, the afflicted gaze aloft and pay no attention to what goes on below, bringing on the charge of madness. This is the best form that possession by a god can take, for all those connected to it. While all have seen reality, as they must have to be human, not all are so easily reminded of it. Those that can remember are startled when they see a reminder, and are overcome with the memory of beauty. Some have not been recently initiated, and mistake this reminder for beauty itself and only pursue desires of the flesh. The recent initiates, on the other hand, are overcome when they see a bodily form that has captured true beauty well, and their wings begin to grow. When this soul looks upon the beautiful boy it experiences the utmost joy; when separated from the boy, intense pain and longing occur, and the wings begin to harden. Caught between these two feelings, the lover is in utmost anguish, with the boy the only doctor for the pain. The charioteer is filled with warmth and desire as he gazes into the eyes of the one he loves. The good horse is controlled by its sense of shame, but the bad horse, overcome with desire, does everything it can to go up to the boy and suggest to it the pleasures of sex. As he gets closer to his quarry, and the love is reciprocated, the opportunity for sexual contact again presents itself. If the lover and beloved surpass this desire they have won the "true Olympic Contests"; it is the perfect combination of human self-control and divine madness, and after death, their souls return to heaven. He apologizes to the gods for the previous speeches, and Phaedrus joins him in the prayer. Yet Socrates does not dismiss the art of speechmaking. Rather, he says, it may be that even one who knew the truth could not produce conviction without knowing the art of persuasion; [Note 39] on the other hand, "As the Spartan said, there is no genuine art of speaking without a grasp of the truth, and there never will be". And yet, they agree, the art of making these divisions is dialectic, not rhetoric, and it must be seen what part of rhetoric may have been left out. After Theuth remarks on his discovery of writing as a remedy for the memory, Thamus responds that its true effects are likely to be the opposite; it is a remedy for reminding, not remembering, he says, with the appearance but not the reality of wisdom. Future generations will hear much without being properly taught, and will appear wise but not be so, making them difficult to get along with. The dialectician chooses a proper soul and plants and sows within it discourse accompanied by knowledge—discourse capable of helping itself as well as the man who planted it, which is not barren but produces a seed from which more discourse grows in the character of others. Such discourse makes the seed forever immortal and renders the man who has it happy as any human being can be. It was believed that spirits and nymphs inhabited the country, and Socrates specifically points this out after the long palinode with his comment about listening to the cicadas. After originally remarking that "landscapes and trees have nothing to teach me, only people do", [Note 54] Socrates goes on to make constant remarks concerning the presence and action of the gods in general, nature gods such as Pan and the nymphs, and the Muses, in addition to the unusually explicit characterization of his own daemon. The importance of divine inspiration is demonstrated in its connection with and the importance of

religion, poetry and art, and above all else, love. Eros, much like in the Symposium, is contrasted from mere desire of the pleasurable and given a higher, heavenly function. Unlike in the Ion, a dialogue dealing with madness and divine inspiration in poetry and literary criticism, madness here must go firmly hand in hand with reason, learning, and self-control in both love and art. It is a very great safeguard to learn by heart instead of writing. What are now called his are the work of a Socrates embellished and modernized Sokratous estin kalou kai neou gegonotos. Read this letter now at once many times and burn it. In addition to theme of love discussed in the speeches, seeming double entendres and sexual innuendo is abundant; we see the flirtation between Phaedrus and Socrates as Phaedrus encourages Socrates to make his first speech, Phaedrus makes a remark at noon-time that Socrates should not leave as the heat has not passed and it is "straight-up, as they say," Socrates wishes to know what Phaedrus is holding under his cloak, and so on. The relationships discussed in the speeches are explicitly pederastic. And yet, this is tempered in various ways; role reversals between lover and beloved are constant, as they are in the Symposium. Notably, Socrates sees the pederastic relationship as ideally devoid of sexual consummation; rather than being used for sexual pleasure, the relationship is a form of divine madness, helping both lover and beloved to grow and reach the divine. Rhetoric, philosophy, and art[ edit ] The Phaedrus also gives us much in the way of explaining how art should be practiced. To practice the art, one must have a grasp of the truth and a detailed understanding of the soul in order to properly persuade. Moreover, one must have an idea of what is good or bad for the soul and, as a result, know what the soul should be persuaded towards. To have mastered the tools of an art is not to have mastered the art itself, but only its preliminaries. This is much like the person who claims to have mastered harmony after learning the highest and lowest notes of the lyre. To practice an art, one must know what that art is for and what it can help one achieve. The role of divine inspiration in philosophy must also be considered; the philosopher is struck with the fourth kind of madness, that of love, and it is this divine inspiration that leads him and his beloved towards the good—but only when tempered with self-control. Writing, examined separately but ultimately equated with philosophy and rhetoric, is somewhat deprecated; it is stated that writing can do little but remind those who already know. When attacked it cannot defend itself, and is unable to answer questions or refute criticism. As such, the philosopher uses writing "for the sake of amusing himself" and other similar things rather than for teaching others. A writer, then, is only a philosopher when he can himself argue that his writing is of little worth, among other requirements. This final critique of writing with which the dialogue concludes seems to be one of the more interesting facets of the conversation for those who seek to interpret Plato in general; Plato, of course, comes down to us through his numerous written works, and philosophy today is concerned almost purely with the reading and writing of written texts.

**4: Plato's Parmenides**

*Persuasion --PART II: PLATO'S CRITIQUE: The Discourse of and for the Other: 8. Myth as Discourse -- 9. The Opposition between Myth and Falsifiable Discourse --*

Explain why Socrates compares himself to a "gadfly. Is Socrates being charged with being a sophist? Is he being accused of offering scientific explanations for religious matters? At the heart of this question is the Socratic Problem: The historical problem of Socrates is omitted in these notes. Summary of the charges against Socrates: He corrupts the young; he infuses in them a spirit of criticism" Socrates did attract attention from wealthy young men in Athens as he cross-examined prominent citizens in the marketplace. In his examination of statesmen, poets, and artisans, he reveals that they do not know what they claim to know. In any case, by his questioning of authority, he had an effect on the young. He is a wrongdoer; he speculates about the heaven and things beneath the earth" perhaps this is the basis of the charge of disbelief in the gods if Socrates seeks natural explanations for astronomical and geological phenomena rather than attributing natural events to the gods. Early in his life Socrates apparently was interested in science; later in life Socrates emphasized ethical and epistemological inquiry. He makes the weaker reason seem to be the stronger" Socrates here is being accused of being a sophist. Originally the sophists were known as the Seven Sages of Greece, but later the term "sophist" was applied in a derogatory sense to persons who made their living teaching methods of winning lawsuits in the courts. Unlike philosophers, they took payment for their teaching and were accused of "corrupting the youth. Your fourth finger is longer than your little finger but shorter than your middle finger. Thus, a finger is both long and short. Here is proof that you are on the other side of campus. Do you know where the Bell Tower is? Well, then you know that you are on the other side of campus from the Bell Tower. Consider the well-known story of Euthylus and Protagoras. Euthylus wanted to become a lawyer but could not pay Protagoras. Protagoras agreed to teach him under the condition that if Euthylus won his first case, he would pay Protagoras, otherwise not. Euthylus agreed and finished his course of study and but did enter the courts. Protagoras sued for his fee. If Euthylus loses this case, then he must pay by the judgment of the court. If Euthylus wins this case, then he must pay by the terms of the contract. He must either win or lose this case. Therefore Euthylus must pay me. But Euthylus had learned well the art of rhetoric. If I lose this case, I do not have to pay by the contract. I must either win or lose the case. Therefore, I do not have to pay Protagoras. Socrates notes that he cannot change and improve his soul; hence, if he went elsewhere, he would continue his questioning. Citizens of other city-states would probably tolerate his questionings even less well than his fellow Athenians. Undoubtedly, he would be continually expelled or worse. Undoubtedly the lack of compromise on principles by Socrates led to the court condemning him to death by a greater margin than when voting for his guilt. The Oracle answer was "No. How does Socrates show that he does not corrupt the young people of Athens? Are his arguments convincing? Taylor suggests that Socrates does not take these charges seriously and exhibits the often observed irony as he plays with his accusers. Socrates states that the charge of corruption of the youth is a "stock charge" against all philosophers. The relevant question is not the ad hominem but is rather whether or not the charge is true in this case. If somehow a young person were corrupted, then the corruption was unintentional. Many commentators including A. An unintentional action results from ignorance, and a person is responsible for what is not known. Finally, Socrates states the ad ignorantiam argument that there is no one present testifying that he was corrupted. In a court of law, of course, there is the burden of proof on the prosecution, and evidence or testimony need be offered for those charges. No proof has been placed into evidence that anyone has been corrupted. Socrates proposes the following dilemma: If I drive away the young men, they will persuade their parents to expel me. If I allow them to stay, their fathers will expel me [on account of the influence on their sons]. The use of the dilemma is in a sense a sophistic rhetorical device which is effective in a courtroom but of little logical significance. There are three ways to refute a dilemma: Take it by the horns: Escape between

the horns: For example, Socrates could not control whether or not the young men stay and listen. Set up a counter-dilemma: Then draw the conclusion as in the following argument: If I drive away the young men, their fathers will not expel me. How persuasive do you find it? First, Socrates simply points out the contradiction between the two groups of accusers: But, of course, this response does not address the emotional effect of the charge of impiety. Second, Socrates presents the linguistic argument that if he believes in divine things, then he cannot be an atheist. Since there is evidence for the antecedent of the conditional, the truth of the consequent does follow. Why has it been called paradoxical? A number of statements in the Apology point to the heart of the Socratic philosophy: Socrates states at the beginning of his defense: Socrates later offers a proof that no harm can come to a good person and death is not to be feared. Your life should be spent on the improvement of your soul. Socrates states, "[I]f I say again that daily to discourse about virtue, and of those other things about which you hear me examining myself and others, is the greatest good of man, and that the unexamined life is not worth living, you are still less likely to believe me. People act immorally, but they do not do so deliberately. Everyone seeks what is most serviceable to oneself or what is in ones own self-interest. If one [practically] knows what is good, one will always act in such manner as to achieve it. Otherwise, one does not know or only knows in a theoretical fashion. If one acts in a manner not conducive to ones good, then that person must have been mistaken i. If one acts with knowledge then one will obtain that which is serviceable to oneself or that which is in ones self-interest. Consequently, it would seem to follow we are responsible for what we know or for that matter what we do not know. So, then, one is responsible for ones own happiness. The latter play no role in the soul being centered. Examples of the Paradox explained in practice. Cheryl and her friend Holly, both twelve years old decide to go to the movies. Cheryl, unlike her friend Holly, states that she is eleven so that she will not have to pay the adult admission and will have extra money for snacks. Cheryl gives Holly some of her extra snacks as a way of showing Holly that Holly made a foolish decision. If we were to ask Cheryl if she made the right decision, she would happily say, "Yes, of course! She mightâ€¦ Lack an authentic self: What becomes fair to Cheryl are those circumstances where she has an advantage. Cheryl comes to believe a level playing field is unfair to her. She does not interact unless she has an advantage. Consequently feel guilt or even pride: Cheryl came to believe that she is better or smarter than other people because she can play by different rules. In other cases, some persons like Cheryl might feel guilt for not doing the right thing. Reject conditions for fair-treatment: Cheryl learns to only feel comfortable when she has an advantage. Without an advantage, she feels at a loss. Be left to improvise in new situations: By cutting corners or seeking the advantage, in new situations, the soul is out of balance because of the attempt to avoid being treated as others are. By having to foresee future circumstances dependent upon what she has done in the past, her attention becomes scattered among calculating different scenarios. A gadfly is a fly that stings or annoys livestock; hence one that acts as a provocative stimulus. Socrates is trying to arouse drowsy, apathetic people to realize that they do not know themselves and do not know what they claim to know.

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*Socrates and Phaedrus agree, however, that such discourse also has a "legitimate brother"â€”namely "the living, breathing discourse of a man who knows, of which the written one can be fairly called an image" (a).*

Book II, â€”c Socrates believes he has adequately responded to Thrasymachus and is through with the discussion of justice, but the others are not satisfied with the conclusion they have reached. Glaucon states that all goods can be divided into three classes: What Glaucon and the rest would like Socrates to prove is that justice is not only desirable, but that it belongs to the highest class of desirable things: Glaucon points out that most people class justice among the first group. They view justice as a necessary evil, which we allow ourselves to suffer in order to avoid the greater evil that would befall us if we did away with it. Justice stems from human weakness and vulnerability. We only suffer under the burden of justice because we know we would suffer worse without it. Justice is not something practiced for its own sake but something one engages in out of fear and weakness. To emphasize his point, Glaucon appeals to a thought experiment. Invoking the legend of the ring of Gyges, he asks us to imagine that a just man is given a ring which makes him invisible. Once in possession of this ring, the man can act unjustly with no fear of reprisal. No one can deny, Glaucon claims, that even the most just man would behave unjustly if he had this ring. He would indulge all of his materialistic, power-hungry, and erotically lustful urges. This tale proves that people are only just because they are afraid of punishment for injustice. No one is just because justice is desirable in itself. Glaucon ends his speech with an attempt to demonstrate that not only do people prefer to be unjust rather than just, but that it is rational for them to do so. The perfectly unjust life, he argues, is more pleasant than the perfectly just life. In making this claim, he draws two detailed portraits of the just and unjust man. The completely unjust man, who indulges all his urges, is honored and rewarded with wealth. The completely just man, on the other hand, is scorned and wretched. With several ideas of justice already discredited, why does Plato further complicate the problem before Socrates has the chance to outline his own ideas about justice?

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*The Ontology of Socratic Questioning in Plato's Early Dialogues You Have 0 Item(s) for other eReaders and tablet devices. PART II. VIRTUE'S ONTOLOGICAL.*

Rousseau – The Discourse on the Arts and the Sciences. Peter works in the tradition of Rational Freedom, a tradition which sees freedom as a common endeavour in which the freedom of each individual is conceived to be co-existent with the freedom of all. Peter is currently engaged in an ambitious interdisciplinary research project entitled Being and Place. The central theme of this research concerns the connection of place and identity through the creation of forms of life which enable human and planetary flourishing in unison. Peter tutors across the humanities and social sciences, from A level to postgraduate research. Peter particularly welcomes interest from those not engaged in formal education, but who wish to pursue a course of studies out of intellectual curiosity. Peter is committed to bringing philosophy back to its Socratic roots in ethos, in the way of life of people. In this conception, philosophy as self-knowledge is something that human beings do as a condition of living the examined life. As we think, so shall we live. Living up to this philosophical commitment, Peter offers tutoring services both to those in and out of formal education. The subject range that Peter offers in his tutoring activities, as well as contact details, can be seen at <http://> By pure chance Rousseau discovered the announcement of an essay competition organised by the Dijon Academy. If ever anything has resembled a sudden inspiration, it was the movement which occurred to me when I read these words. All at once, my mind was dazzled by a thousand lights, by a crowd of ideas presenting themselves together with such force and in such confusion that I was thrown into inexpressible agitation. I was overcome by a giddiness like that of drunkenness and such a violent palpitation oppressed me that – I flung myself under a tree where I lay for half an hour – If only I had been able to write down a quarter of what I felt under that tree, with what clarity I would have pointed out all of the contradictions of our social system! With what force I would have exposed all the abuses of our institutions! With what simplicity I would have demonstrated that man is naturally good and that it is only through these institutions that he became wicked! Rousseau is therefore concerned to distinguish the essential and authentic as given by true original being from the accidental and artificial elements added by civilisation. These are the concepts by which to evaluate the historical process, judging the facts of human existence from innocence to enslavement and corruption. In the concepts of nature and original nature Rousseau discovers the meaning of history, the extent to which the historical process unfolds or inhibits nature. The end of the historical process is the fulfilment of humanity in general through the full and proper development of all the essential potentialities of human being. These potentialities cannot be realised until human beings have comprehended their relationship with the universal order. In contrast to previous thinkers, who had treated human existence in a fairly static way, with primitive human beings being assigned the characteristics of social beings, Rousseau conceived humanity as a species which acquired new powers and capacities through the course of historical development. Rousseau affirmed the human capacity for self-development and possible improvement. The only other philosopher who had given so much prominence to social processes in the development of a being governed by feeling and instinct to rationality and freedom is Spinoza. Rousseau took the view that human beings are by nature good and become contrariwise only through their institutions. This view has radical implications. Corrupt institutions are subject to human intervention and alteration and, if human beings are to realise their potentialities, ought to be altered as a moral imperative. Rousseau bases his philosophy upon the human capacity for growth and development. The innate goodness of human beings is in sharp contrast to the evident wickedness of contemporary civilisation. In affirming human capacities for improvement, Rousseau is able to critically assess modern political and social institutions on account of their obstructing human growth and development, indeed on account of their perverting human nature and preventing human beings from becoming what they potentially are. Rousseau thus emerges as a democratic philosopher who not only criticises tyranny as inimical to human freedom but demands that form

of state which would facilitate human freedom in terms of the full development of the individual personality in an appropriate environment. Rousseau signalled his intent in this direction by changing the title proposed by the Dijon Academy to: As a philosophical statement, the Discourse has limitations, which Rousseau soon recognised. Do they generate and sustain a society which fosters or inhibits human freedom? In treating the question of values, Rousseau distinguishes between nature and artifice. Rousseau thus argues that in contemporary society, manners have taken the place of morals. He proceeds to argue that a society which has been reduced to an aggregate of individuals conforming to the externally given patterns and norms of social activity, is not a society at all but a herd. Whereas the primitive individual was able to live in himself, the modern individual has constantly to live outside himself. The modern individual can exist but he cannot be. The modern individual is subservient to the pursuit of artificial needs which can be satisfied only with the help of others. Society is therefore characterised by a condition of dependence. Rousseau makes points in this early critique of contemporary society that he would later incorporate into his mature political philosophy. Before art had moulded our behaviour, and taught our passions to speak an artificial language, our morals were rude but natural; and the different ways in which we behaved proclaimed at the first glance the difference of our dispositions. Human nature was not at bottom better than new, but men found their security in the ease with which they could see through one another, and this advantage, of which we no longer see the value, prevented their having many vices. Politeness requires this thing; decorum that; ceremony has its forms, and fashion its laws, and these we must always follow, never mind the promptings of our own nature. We no longer dare seem what we really are, but lie under a perpetual restraint; in the meantime the herd of men, which we call society, all act under the same circumstances, exactly alike, unless very particular and powerful motives prevent them. Thus we never know with whom we have to deal. What a train of vices must attend this uncertainty. Since friendship, real esteem, and perfect confidence are banished from among men. Jealousy, suspicion, fear, coldness, reserve, hate and fraud lie constantly concealed under that boasted candour and urbanity, for which we are indebted to the enlightened spirit of the age. So Rousseau derives astronomy from superstition; eloquence from ambition, hatred, falsehood and flattery; geometry from avarice; physics from idle curiosity; and even moral philosophy from human pride. The arts and sciences are the products of human vices. In their immediate objectives, the arts and sciences are implicated in moral, political and social failings. Thus the arts are associated with luxury, jurisprudence with injustice, and history with tyranny. The politicians of the ancient world were always talking of morals and virtue; ours speaking of nothing but commerce and money. One of them will tell you that in such a country a man is worth just as much as he will sell for at Algiers; another, pursuing the same mode of calculation, finds that in some countries a man is worth nothing; and in others still less than nothing; they value men as they do droves of oxen. Rousseau does not identify the economic mechanisms involved but instead concentrates upon the ethico-political aspect of the question. Let our politicians condescend to lay aside their calculations for a moment, to reflect on these examples, let them learn for once that money, though it buys everything else cannot buy morals and citizens. However, in terms of intellectual abilities and special aptitudes, human beings are not equal. For Rousseau, the arts and sciences have so perverted the sense of values that any individual possessing special talent risks losing sight of his or her basic humanity whilst the popular masses, working to satisfy the universal needs of humankind are denied both material reward and moral dignity. Rousseau is thus criticising specialisation in the arts and sciences for undermining moral dignity and recognition as the common denominator which establishes the unity of humankind. Specialised activity threatens to undermine the integrity of both individual and society. Rousseau concludes with an argument for the guidance and the enlightenment of humankind by an elite. Guidance and enlightenment must, therefore, come from outside the existing order. This elite of genius alone possesses the special insight into the nature of things that distinguishes them as the true teachers of mankind. These individuals of genius alone can be counsellors of princes and politicians. Let not princes disdain to admit into their councils those who are most capable of giving them good advice. Let them renounce the old prejudice, which was invented by the pride of the great, that the art of governing mankind is more difficult than that of

instructing them. The masses, amongst whose number Rousseau counts himself, are to abandon pretensions to glory and be content with obscurity. Let the learned of the first rank find an honourable refuge in their courts; let them enjoy the only recompense worthy of them, that of proposing by their influence the happiness of the peoples they have enlightened by their wisdom. It is by this means only that we are likely to see what virtue, science and authority can do, when animated by the noblest emulation, and working unanimously for the happiness of mankind. But so long as power alone is on one side and knowledge and understanding alone is on the other, the learned will seldom make great objects of their study, princes will still rarely do great actions, and the peoples will continue to be, as they are, mean, corrupt and miserable. As for us, ordinary men, on whom Heaven has not been pleased to bestow such great talents; as we are not destined to reap such glory, let us remain in our obscurity. Let us leave to others the task of instructing mankind in their duty, and confine ourselves to the discharge of our own. Rousseau develops this thesis through the antithesis he establishes between knowledge and morality, the individual and the herd, manners and morality. The discrepancy between the natural and the artificial, the true and the superficial, is the source of the disharmony and unhappiness exhibited by contemporary society and serves to deny the moral dignity of human beings. Rousseau thus develops the argument that in the transition from nature to society human beings have come to impose a civilisation of uniformity and conformity, deceit and lies, upon themselves. In superimposing the artificial upon the natural, human beings have burdened themselves with a social necessity that imposes social behaviour as a series of lies, false needs, and spurious values. In taking up the question of political order and the task of constructing political arrangements, Rousseau will further his concern for authenticity which alone can recover human happiness and dignity. Rousseau thus seeks a resolution of the antithesis which generate conflict and contradiction.

**7: Phaedrus (dialogue) - Wikipedia**

*Plato's discussions of rhetoric and poetry are both extensive and influential. As in so many other cases, he sets the agenda for the subsequent tradition.*

In these cases, predication is possible and positive statements are made of the One or of the not One. In these cases, predication is not possible and nothing may be asserted of the subject. Hypothesis I The One of the first Hypothesis excludes any sort of diversity. Thus, it even excludes being, since if it had being it would have multiple parts. It is not, therefore, something on which is one. In no way does the one have a share of being. Moreover, there can be no name for it, no reasoning about it, no knowledge or perception of it, and no opinion of it. The bare One is thus unutterable and ineffable. Asserting even this much, however, is saying too much. This hypothesis demonstrates that from the bare One which negates all plurality, nothing can be deduced or evolved. But he was not justified when he gave to his One various other attributes. As Plato has here shown, the true One cannot even exist or be the object of any kind of knowledge. Plato thus revives the Pythagorean evolution of numbers from the One. Plato thus justifies in this hypothesis the Pythagorean evolution, starting from the Monad and ending with the sensible body. Hypothesis V shows that negative predication is possible. Plato also refutes the claim that coming into existence is impossible because there can be nothing that could come into existence. It is no longer a non-existent entity, but a nonentity. Indeed, even to give a literal reading of the dialectical exercises poses problems and demands interpretation. Accordingly, the summary above has followed the modern interpretation of Cornford. The standard interpretation of the Parmenides up until the nineteenth century was given in the *Enneads* of Plotinus. On this interpretation, the hypotheses are not merely clarifications in the use of language, as modern analytical philosophers tend to view them. Cornford, for example, views the dialectical exercise as primarily designed to clarify ambiguities in language: The exercise in dialectic provides symbolic and numinous adumbrations of the nature of the superessential One and how one might approach it. The negative conclusions of the first Hypothesis, for example, are not illustrations of the nonsensical nature of the pure One. Rather, they demonstrate the failure of reason and language to grasp the ineffable non-relative One that rises above all forms of relative knowledge. The dialectical exercise, which ranges over the whole field of discourse and considers all the logical permutations of any proposition, is a meditation for freeing the mind from clinging to any one philosophical position or assumption, thereby opening it up to mystical illumination. It is the Platonic *via negativa*. As Proclus writes, As by opinion we know the objects of opinion, and as we know by discursive intellect *dianoia* the objects of that faculty, and as by the intuitive intellectual element *noeron* in us we know the object of intellect, even so it is by the One that we know the One. This is the same as saying that it is by Not-Being that we know the One, and this in turn is equivalent to saying that it is by negation that we know the One. Firstly, they literally point beyond themselves e. Regarding the purpose of the dialectical exercise, Findlay writes: The lesson of the whole eightfold exercise carried out by Parmenides-Plato is, however, sufficiently clear: What Plato-Parmenides is stressing in this First Hypothesis is that, in addition to their instantiability or eidetic causality, and in addition to their higher relations with one another, Eide also have an own-being, or narrowly intrinsic content, which distinguishes them from all other Eide, and which, in the case of the simpler, more ultimate Eide, can be simply enjoyed, but not further elucidated or talked about. To penetrate to this eidetic nucleus, through the penumbra of instantiation, and the corona of eidetic interrelations, is necessarily to perform a mystical or transcendental act *par excellence*, and almost necessarily to experience the characteristic aura of mysticism. Findlay, however, is writing in the 20th century, and thus offers a unique version of the mystical interpretation. Let us, then, consider what insight he might provide into the problems of the forms that are the subject of the Parmenides: It is incredibly wrong to treat Platonism as a form of dualism, as involving the postulation of a second world of detached meanings over against the solid world of particular things. If Plato believed or disbelieved anything, he disbelieved in the genuine being of particular things: They enter merely into the description of

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what Eide are and what they do. Eide alone are, and Eide are instantiated, but such instantiation does not create a shadowy world of Eidos-copies, in any other but a transformed reducible sense. The Eide are the living Meanings or Natures whose force is felt in all instantiation, and whose sense creates all understanding, and in neither existence or experience is there anything substantial to be laid hold of apart from them. The dialogue Parmenides goes some distance in suggesting how this can be so, and how in the most aloof notion of Unity Itself all multiplicity and variety is necessarily locked up. This is, however, the lesson to be learnt from the dialectical exercise in the Second Part of the Dialogue. As the Parmenides shows, it is a naive understanding of the forms to take them to be isolated, static patterns set in stark contrast with the changing phenomena of a sensory world. Instead, Findlay offers an interpretation on which the forms are interpenetrating principles that are not other than their own instantiations. The realms of being and becoming do not separate forms from sensible objects; rather, being and becoming are both implicit in the nature of the forms. As Plato wrote, By Heaven, can we be ready to believe that the absolutely real has no share in movement, life, soul or wisdom? That it does not live or think, but in solemn holiness, unpossessed of mind, stands entirely at rest? That would be a dreadful thing to admit. Translation and Analysis Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press. This scholarly translation and interpretation of Parmenides uses the structure of the dialogue and a guide to interpreting individual passages. In addition to presenting his own interpretation, Allen critically discusses interpretations of other modern scholars. This anthology of major presocratic philosophical writings includes an introduction and overview of early Greek philosophy. In particular, it presents translations of surviving fragments by and about Parmenides and Zeno, who both appear as characters in the Parmenides. This major work by a distinguished historian of ancient philosophy examines the religious and mythological roots of Greek philosophical thought. It provides insight into and background for early Greek philosophy in general. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc. The introduction presents a useful overview of the various ancient and modern interpretations of Parmenides. A chapter of the book is concerned with the Parmenides. This book is a translation of a lecture course delivered by Heidegger at the University of Freiburg during This comprehensive reference book contains entries on philosophers, schools of thought, and other subjects covering the whole history of philosophy. The Conversion of the Soul University Park: The Pennsylvania State University Press. In this scholarly interpretation of Parmenides, the dialogue is interpreted with a view to its dramatic structure as well as its arguments. In particular, by recognition of the use of mimetic irony in the dialogue, Miller claims to resolve certain interpretive ambiguities. Morrow and John M. University of Toronto Press. This book contains a scholarly translation and detailed commentary of Parmenides. Turnbull argues that in Parmenides Plato abandoned his theory of form participation presented in Phaedo. End Notes [2] Cornford, Plato and Parmenides, p.

### 8: SparkNotes: The Republic: Book II

*(In Part II of the Discourse on Inequality Rousseau inexplicably switches from this account of history as emerging as the unplanned and unintended outcome of many individual human actions taken together.*

### 9: Plato, The Apology Part I

*The thesis that Plato's philosophy is 'nothing other than the struggle of the two concepts of truth' (GA ), as 'unhiddenness' (Unverborgenheit) and as 'correctness' (Richtigkeit) respectively, is stated early in the lectures, but in a less baldly dogmatic way than in the essay.*

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