Glaucoun: We want you to praise justice for its own sake alone, Socrates, rather than for its rewards.

G: Perhaps if the just were not afraid of punishment, they would act exactly like the unjust. Story of Gyges and the magic ring.

Adeimantus: The praises that are sung for justice are largely for the sake of its effects, not for itself.

Socrates: The state is the person/soul written in large letters.

Ideal State

People form states in order to meet common needs.

[A list of occupations required in order to meet common needs.]

Each person should stick to one art.

[A summary description that presents too meager an existence.]

Ideal State with Luxuries

The requirement of luxuries brings with it the requirement of war, and thus of professional warriors ("guardians").

Guardians must be like watchdogs--friendly to owners, spirited with strangers.

Thus they must be philosophic, spirited.

Training of guardians

Mental

Stories allowed in the state
Content

The gods do no harm.

The gods are perfect (hence they do not lie or change).

The afterlife is not to be feared.

The heroes are virtuous.

We don't know how men in general are to be pictured, because we don't yet know what justice is.

Form

No "representations" of unvirtuous characters.

Mode and meter

Art in the state can depict only the beautiful.

Physical

The guardians must be taught to lead a temperate life.

The guardians can't be hypocondriacs.

Only those sound in mind and body should be cured--the rest should be allowed to die. (The judges come in here because punishment is considered medicine of the soul.)

Selection of the Rulers

The rulers must be those Guardians who are most devoted to the principle that they must always do what is best for the community. The others we shall call "auxiliaries".

Myth of the Metals

The metals gold, silver, iron, and bronze are in the make-up, respectively, of the rulers, auxiliaries, farmers, and tradesmen. But since you are all from the same stock, the wrong metal shows up occasionally in one of a certain rank. When this happens, it must be corrected by a change of rank.
Manner of Life of the Guardians

A military life, neither wealth nor poverty, all things in common including wives and children.

Virtues Written in Large and Small Letters

Because our state is perfect, we shall find in it the virtues of wisdom, courage, temperance, and justice.

Wisdom is the type of knowledge concerned with rulership.

Courage is the virtue of the auxiliaries.

Temperance is the rule of the better over the worse.

Justice is each element doing its proper task.

There are elements of the soul corresponding to rulers, auxiliaries, and productive elements of the state, and the virtues of the individual are defined correspondingly.

This state is monarchy or aristocracy, depending on whether the rulers are one or a few.

Various degenerate states:...

Polemarchus and Adeimantus: Explain the communal possession of wives and children.

Women have same faculties as men, but are weaker. Thus they should have the same occupations, but not be held to as high a standard.

Matings should be by lotteries rigged by rulers in order to produce the best offspring.

Ignorance of individual identities of parents, children.

Is such a state possible?

Not until philosophers = kings.

True philosophers have the love of knowledge, not of opinion, and are virtuous. (Knowledge is of being, ignorance is of non-being, and opinion is of things that both are and are not (changing
Sources of disrepute of philosophy:

The worthy are diverted.

The unworthy consort with philosophy, thus abandoned.

Only a miracle can bring into existence a true philosopher, though it is possible.

Education of the philosopher-king: he must have knowledge of the Good.

VISIBLE: SIGHT of PHYSICAL OBJECTS by THE EYES is made possible by LIGHT.

INVISIBLE: KNOWLEDGE of FORMS by THE MIND is made possible by THE GOOD.

The Divided Line

3:6:6:12 (example)

\[ \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a+b}{c+d} = \frac{c}{d} \]

These equations imply that \( b = c \). Was this intended by Socrates?

Forms : mathematical objects = (forms and mathematical objects) : (physical objects and images) = physical objects : images.

Only by analysis (going backwards from hypotheses) do we discover the forms. This is intellection (noesis) as opposed to inference (dianoia).