

The Structure of Plato's *Republic*

- 1) Prologue (Book I):
 - a) Cephalus
 - b) Polemarchus
 - c) Thrasymachus
 - d) The function argument

- 2) Definition of justice (Books II-IV):
 - a) Thrasymachus resuscitated & Gyges' ring
 - b) The three cities
 - c) Primary education & censorship
 - d) Myth of blood and soil
 - e) Wisdom, bravery, temperance, and justice in the polis
 - f) Psychology: reason, spirit, and appetite
 - g) Wisdom, bravery, temperance, and justice in the psyche
 - h) Just actions

- 3) Digression on women, the family, and war (Book V).

- 4) Philosopher Kings (Books V-VI-VII):
 - a) Definition of the philosopher
 - b) Sun, Line, and Cave
 - c) Higher Education:
 - i) Mathematics
 - ii) Astronomy
 - iii) Harmonics
 - iv) Dialectic

- 5) Decline of the polis and the psyche (Books VIII-IX):
 - a) Fall of Kallipolis
 - b) Timocracy & the timocratic man
 - c) Oligarchy & the oligarchic man
 - d) Democracy & the democratic man
 - e) Tyranny & the tyrannic man
 - f) Just and unjust lives compared:
 - i) Political argument
 - ii) Psychological argument
 - iii) Metaphysical argument

- 6) Epilogue (Book X):
 - a) Quarrel of philosophy & poetry
 - b) Proof of immortality & rewards of justice
 - c) Myth of Er