

Plato on Recollection

- Poverty of the stimulus/evidence
- Knowledge of the forms must precede any knowledge of particulars.
- When I see a picture of my daughter, I can note similarities and dissimilarities with my idea of her.
- In order to note the similarities and differences, I have to know both my daughter and the picture.
- I also have to know when two things are equal, and unequal.
- Real equality must be absolute identity, which I never experience with my senses.
- My knowledge must precede my birth.
- The soul has to be able to exist independently of the body.