

Allegory of the Cave

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Everyone who has come to this world has asked these questions: Why we are here? What's the purpose of our life? Are we supposed to return? What should I do with my life to become a great person? Plato, a well-known Greek philosopher, wrote Allegory of the Cave, where he tried to answer some of these questions. In Allegory of the Cave, Plato beautifully compares the nature with the effects of education, stating that we can never unfold the hidden truths of nature without gaining sufficient knowledge. He has presented Allegory of the Cave as a small discussion session between a student (Glaucon) and his mentor (Socrates). Socrates believes that the world we live in is made up of multiple reflections and materials. You see images of different things, and relying on your physical appearance or perfection makes no sense. Whatever you smell, hear, see or touch is going to end someday, and you will be nothing more than a reflection, a soul (Ciuba, 2010).

Just like Plato, Walker Percy talked much about nature and was known for his philosophical books set in and around New Orleans. Both Percy and Plato dedicated themselves to the welfare and betterment of humanity and contributed to science and technology to an extent. Throughout his life, Walker Percy outlined various ways in which sightseers might be able to avoid disappointments, each of which involved avoiding the expectations of the place. What he means to say is that the tourists should not keep high expectations with the sites they visit. Sometimes they would have to face a number of problems, no matter how many precautions they adapt (Ciuba, 2010).

From his act of recovering, I have learned that I need not cross my limits whenever I happen to visit a distant place. I should always accompany a good friend or family member with me and be ready to explore adventurous places. Percy also noted the feelings of good fortunes when a family visited the canyons, giving us a lot to get inspired from. My struggle or urge was similar to that of Plato as he always wanted to unfold maximum truths of nature. In the same way, when I

used to wander here and there, I always wanted to know more about the surroundings such as plants, trees, flowers, animals and of course, human beings. This urge directly connects me to the urge of Plato and requires me to unfold more and more truths of nature. Every person, no matter how much money he has, should step out of his house once or twice a year and visit distant places. Those green valleys, tall trees, blue oceans, and glorious mountains have a lot to tell us. They are, in fact, hiding numerous secrets in them and you might be interested in knowing more about their history and benefits to humans (Ciuba, 2010).

In conclusion, nature has a lot to offer us; sometimes while traveling to distant places, we come across unusual things and tend to know more about them. If you consider that you were Plato, you would definitely love to seek knowledge, learn about scientific equipment, and perform a variety of tasks. Plato's discoveries had paved ways for others and inspired them to discover and invent new things, whether they are scientists or ordinary tourists. In *The Allegory of the Cave*, he used a short story to depict his ideas and illustrate different forms of nature (Ciuba, 2010).

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