

Chapter 13 - Assignment 9: The *Republic* (Book IV)

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In order to answer the following questions, read Book 4 of Plato's *Republic* (Πολιτεία), which can be found on pages 23–35 in Chapter 13.

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1. On the basis of the city-soul analogy, Socrates made an argument by analogy. According to his argument by analogy, the *soul* has three parts, because the *city* has three parts.

(i) According to Socrates, what are the three parts of the *city*?

(ii) According to Socrates, what are the three parts of the *soul*?

2. According to Socrates, the four cardinal virtues have different relationships to the three parts of the *city*.

(i) The virtue of wisdom pertains to which part(s) of the city?

(ii) The virtue of courage pertains to which part(s) of the city?

(iii) The virtue of temperance pertains to which part(s) of the city?

(iv) The virtue of justice pertains to which part(s) of the city?

3. According to Socrates, the four cardinal virtues have different relationships to the three parts of the *soul*.

(i) Wisdom pertains to which part(s) of the soul?

(ii) Courage pertains to which part(s) of the soul?

(iii) Temperance pertains to which part(s) of the soul?

(iv) Justice pertains to which part(s) of the soul?

4. Socrates and Glaucon discussed injustice.

- (i) According to them, what is the opposite of *injustice*?

- (ii) According to them, what is the opposite of an unjust *person*?

- (iii) How did Socrates describe injustice in the *city*?

- (iv) How did Socrates describe injustice in the *soul*?

5. Socrates classified the virtuous city's political system in two different ways.

- (i) According to Socrates, if the virtuous city has *only one* political guardian, then what kind of political system does the virtuous city have?

- (ii) According to Socrates, if the virtuous city has *more than one* political guardian, then what kind of political system does the virtuous city have?

- (iii) According to Socrates, if a city is a virtuous city, then does it really matter how many political guardians the virtuous city has?

- (iv) According to Socrates, there are at least how many kinds of political system?