

Chapter 15 - Assignment 3: Plato's *Timaeus* Dialogue — [2]

In order to answer the following questions, read pages 9–11 in Chapter 15.

1. According to Timaeus, God turned the four classical elements into shapes.
 - (i) According to Timaeus, what is the shape of earth?

 - (ii) According to Timaeus, what is the shape of water?

 - (iii) According to Timaeus, what is the shape of air?

 - (iv) According to Timaeus, what is the shape of fire?

 - (v) According to Timaeus, what is the shape of aether?

2. According to Timaeus, if an equilateral triangle is divided into two congruent right triangles, then those two congruent right triangles are what kind of triangle?
(Note: If it's helpful to include a drawing, then please do so.)

3. According to Timaeus, if a square (or equilateral rectangle) is divided into two congruent right triangles, then those two congruent right triangles are what kind of triangle?
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4. Timaeus invoked the distinction between instrumental goods and final goods.

(i) According to Timaeus, how is happiness a final good?

(ii) According to Timaeus, how is the godly cause a final good?

(iii) According to Timaeus, how is the godly cause an instrumental good?

(iv) According to Timaeus, how is the necessary cause an instrumental good?

5. According to Timaeus, how were humans created?

