

Creation Out of Nothing is Postbiblical Doctrine

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[Quote from Cassius](#)

Is he correct at the 2:20 point in the video to say that "matter in the Platonic worldview is EVIL?"

Plato proposed that one's immortal soul becomes trapped in the body like a prison at birth. Consequently, he saw death as the liberation from the soul's imprisonment in a cage of matter. In that regard, Plato saw the matter as being antithetical to the truth that is the Form of the Good.

He saw the material world as being a corruption of a realm of universal concepts, so the natural world and the particular objects within it are seen as cheap copies of a higher truth. In this regard, his propositions are parallel to many ancient Indian notions of ethics, which equates *goodness* with *knowledge*, and equates *ignorance* with *evil*. (Note the word "*guru*", which is derived from "*gu*" and "*ru*" which is translated as "*dispeller [of] darkness*", and note that Plato uses the light of the Sun as a metaphor for the the Form of the Good that overcomes the darkness of matter; neo-Platonists recognized this and found Platonism to be compatible with ancient Indian philosophies).

Based on that, I think it is correct to say that Plato saw matter as being evil.