

"School of Athens" - The figure of Plato

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Divine Revelation within this context matches Plato's proposition that "learning" is actually an immortal soul's recollection of the Divine Truth which the soul knew prior to being born, but simply forgot after experiencing birth and associating with a human body.

To *Augustinians* (this might be an over-generalization, as I'm just skimming the schools), Truth is to be remembered through revelation; to *Thomists*, Truth is to be discovered through observation.

[edit:] I was looking for a specific term, and I just found it: **ANAMNESIS**. Christian theologians gobbled up Plato's theory of anamnesis and injected it into their belief system as the faithful remembrance of Christ. The Wikipedia entries:

ANAMNESIS (PHILOSOPHY)

"In [philosophy](#), **anamnesis** ([/ˌæ.næmˈniː.sɪs/](#); [Ancient Greek](#): ἀνάμνησις) is a concept in [Plato's epistemological](#) and psychological theory that he develops in his [dialogues *Meno*](#) and [Phaedo](#) and alludes to in his [Phaedrus](#). The idea is that humans possess innate knowledge (perhaps acquired before birth) and that learning consists of rediscovering that knowledge from within. Terms that have been used to characterize this concept include **Doctrine of Recollection** and **Doctrine of Reminiscence**."

ANAMNESIS (CHRISTIANITY)

"**Anamnesis** (from the [Attic Greek](#) word ἀνάμνησις meaning "reminiscence" or "memorial sacrifice"),[\[1\]](#) in Christianity, is a [liturgical](#) statement in which the [Church](#) refers to the memorial character of the [Eucharist](#) or to the [Passion](#), [Resurrection](#) and [Ascension](#) of Christ. It has its origin in [Jesus'](#) words at the [Last Supper](#), "Do this in memory of me" ([Greek](#): "τοῦτο ποιεῖτε εἰς τὴν ἐμὴν ἀνάμνησιν", ([Luke 22:19](#), [1 Corinthians 11:24-25](#))). In a wider sense, anamnesis is a key concept in the liturgical theology: in worship the faithful recall God's saving deeds.[\[2\]](#) This memorial aspect is not simply a passive process but one by which the Christian can actually enter into the [Paschal mystery](#).[\[3\]](#)"