

# An Analogy That Should Live Forever In Infamy Along With His Ridiculous "Cave" Analogy - Socrates' "Second Sailing"

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Quote from Socrates/ Plato

That occurred to me, and I was afraid that my psūkhē might be blinded altogether if I looked at things with my eyes or tried *by the help of the senses* to apprehend them. And I thought that I had better have recourse to ideas, and seek in them the truth of existence. I dare say that *the simile is not perfect*—for I am very far from admitting that he who contemplates existence through the medium of ideas sees them only as an image, any more than he who sees them in their working and effects. However, *this was the method which I adopted*: I first assumed some principle *which I judged* to be the strongest, and then I affirmed as true *whatever seemed to agree with this* (emphasis added)

By Zeus, \*THIS\* is the basis of Western philosophy??

\*THIS\* is why society or culture or academia refer to the natural philosophers as \*PRE-SOCRATIC\* and largely dismiss them as *irrelevant*???

I admit I've never heard of the "second sailing" but, from my perspective, that is a house of cards built on shifting sand. To put it another way:

