

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

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

further the condemnation of Socrates and Plato for deprecating the study of natural philosophy

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Here is another view of how humans have devolved in some of our senses and prolepsis abilities, due to Socrates turn away from observing nature, especially observing it deeply. Since Epicurus saw himself as a healer, the Socratic/Platonic turning away from a deeper understanding of nature's healing processes, would have horrified Epicurus.

See how a modern psychotherapist, who has studied 'nature's healing processes' up close, describes what many of us civilized humans have lost.

## Quote

In Western society, there is an overvaluation of the conscious, analytical mind and, with it, an atrophy of dozens of senses and abilities. Sojourns to the Amazon and the Serengeti have reminded me of the many skills that indigenous people have not forgotten—abilities that guide them safely through life's inevitable challenges. I have met shamans who can look into another person's body with their mind's eye to diagnosis an illness, Hadza Bushmen who can "wire" messages long distances without the use of a cell phone or a letter, and Native Americans who can smell approaching changes in the weather. It is in the quiet of Nature that shamans can listen with their hearts, skin, eyes, and noses as well as their ears—a synesthetic talent that today is largely disbelieved or simply unknown outside of indigenous cultures.

[Awakening the Healing Soul, by Geral Blanchard]