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CliffsNotes on Plato's The Republic May 28 2022 The original CliffsNotes study guides offer expert commentary on major themes, plots, characters, literary devices, and historical background. The latest generation of titles in this series also feature glossaries and visual elements that complement the classic, familiar format Considered to be one of the three greatest philosophical tomes of all time, The Republic is Plato's account and interpretation of Socrates' ideas about life, meaning, and the just society. This text has provoked and shaped thought for thousands of years and is as applicable now as it ever was. CliffsNotes on Plato's Republic helps you explore these writings by providing you with summaries and commentaries, book by book. You'll also gain insight into the life and background of the author, Plato, and understand his growth as a philosopher. Other features that help you study include: A list of speakers and their descriptions Glossaries to help you fully understand new and unfamiliar terms Character analyses of Socrates, Thrasymachus, and others Critical essays on Plato's flying, his childhood, and Leonidas A review section to test your knowledge with books, websites, and more for further study Classic literature or modern-day treasure—you'll understand it all with expert information and insight from CliffsNotes study guides.

Key Contemporary Concepts Oct 28 2019 Companion volume to Lechte's best-selling 50 Key Contemporary Thinkers. Guides readers in understanding society and culture in the twenty-first century. Encyclopedic format covers such topics as cybernetics, quantum theory, ideology, and aesthetics.

Myth, Metaphysics and Dialectic in Plato's Statesman Feb 22 2022 Plato's dialogue The Statesman has often been found structurally puzzling by commentators because of its apparent diffuseness and disjointed transitions. In this book David White interprets the dialogue in ways which account for this problematic structure, and which also connect the primary themes of the dialogue with two subsequent dialogues The Philebus and The Laws. The central interpretive focus of the book is the extended myth, sometimes called the 'myth of the reversed cosmos'. As a result of this interpretative approach, White argues that The Statesman can be recognized (a) as both internally coherent and also profound in implication-the myth is crucial in both regards - and (b) as integrally related to the concerns of Plato's later dialogues.

Framing the Dialogues: How to Read Openings and Closures in Plato Mar 02 2020 Framing the Dialogues: How to Read Openings and Closures in Plato focuses on the intricate and multifarious ways in which Plato frames his dialogues, with a view to exploring the complex association between framework and philosophical content.

Plato and Education (RLE Edu K) Aug 19 2021 This introduction to Plato's philosophical and educational thought examines Plato's views and relates them to issues and questions that occupy philosophers of education. Robin Barrow stresses the relevance of Plato today, while introducing the student both to Plato's philosophy and to contemporary educational debate. In the first part of the book the author examines Plato's historical background and summarizes the Republic. Successive chapters are concerned with the critical discussion of specific educational issues. He deals with questions relating to the impartial distribution of education, taking as a starting point Plato's celebrated dictum that unequals should be treated unequally. He examines certain methodological concepts such as 'discovery-learning' and 'play' and also raises the wider question of children's freedom. He looks critically at the content of the curriculum and discusses Plato's theory of knowledge and attitude to art. Finally Robin Barrow discusses Plato's view of moral education and the related problem of what constitutes moral indoctrination

Plato's Pond Teacher's Packet Aug 07 2020 Plato's Pond Teacher's Packet is an educator's guide for using Plato's Pond in the classroom and is also available for free as a PDF download on PlatosPond.com. You can order more copies of the book Plato's Pond Second Edition through Amazon, or by going to PlatosPond.com. Plato's Pond is recommended for enhancing science education for kids ages 10-13. The Teacher's Packet includes: step by step instructions on how to set-up and conduct the experiments measurable objectives for each experiment and reading material information on how to access other experimental results detailed information on how each experiment relates to the book and the real world an in depth explanation of the science used in each experiment examples of how the experiments relate to our environment information on how Plato's Pond aligns with US and Great Britain's science standards. An intriguing novel, Plato's Pond uses science and science experimentation to solve an out-of-the-this-world whodunit. Plato's Pond has been integrated successfully in 6th and 7th grade curriculum in the United States as well as enjoyed by thousands as a pleasurable, hands-on, inquisitive read. The mystery is afoot, now it is up to your kids to solve it!

Plato on Rhetoric and Language Dec 23 2021 Collected here for the first time in one volume, four key Platonic dialogues-the Ion, the Protagorus, the Gorgias and the Phaedrus - serve as

an important introduction to the productive ambiguities of Platonic thought on rhetoric and language. In her introduction to the volume, editor Jean Nienkamp considers Plato's views on language, genre, and writing, and outlines the critical issues involved in the study of Platonic thought on rhetoric and poetics. Readers are invited to participate in the dialogues as vital philosophical conversations about issues that animate contemporary rhetorical and literary thought today.

From Death to Life: Key Themes in Plato's Phaedo Aug 26 2019 This book addresses a range of highly debated problems among scholars of Plato's Phaedo and provides an overall interpretation of the dialogue.

Plato's Beautiful City and the Essence of Politics Jan 24 2022 This inquiry attempts to probe the essence of politics in-itself, something that has been singularly discerned by Plato in Republic, grounded in his theory of universal forms and gradually but fully developed through a consideration of the elements of the City in Speech. Those elements, and the ideal city itself as envisioned in Republic, are immanent within the Second Best City of the Laws, even though presented in a modified way. Plato's Statesman will also be discussed as a means to further illustrate Plato's commitment to the principles conveyed in Republic. This project rests on the premise that Plato's intelligible city is genuinely intended to convey Plato's full understanding of the real essence of the polis, not simply the arena of political behavior and governance as we have come to know it, but the essence of what politics universally means and what a political community should objectively seek.

Studies in Plato's Metaphysics May 16 2021 Did Plato abandon, or sharply modify, the Theory of Forms in later life? In the Phaedo, Symposium, and Republic it is generally agreed that Plato held that universals exist. But in Parmenides, he subjected that theory to criticism. If the criticism were valid, and Plato knew so, then the Parmenides marks a turning point in his thought. If, however, Plato became aware that there are radical differences in the logical behaviour of concepts, and the later dialogues are a record of his attempt to analyse those differences, then Plato's thought can be said to have moved in a new and vitally important direction after the Parmenides. Studies in Plato's Metaphysics brings together twenty essays by leading philosophers from the UK and the USA reflecting upon this important issue and upon the questions arising from it.

The Posthumous Life of Plato Mar 14 2021 Plato's earthly life ended in the year 347 B. C. At the same time, however, began his posthumous life - a life of great influence and fame leaving its mark on all eras of the history of European learning - lasting until present times. Plato's philosophy has taken root earlier or later in innumerable souls of others, it has matured and given birth to new ideas whose proliferation further disseminated the vital force of the original thoughts. It happened sometimes, of course, that by various interpretations different and sometimes altogether contradictory thoughts were deduced from one and the same Platonic doctrine: this possibility is also characteristic of Plato's genius. Even though in the history of Platonism there were times less active and creative, the continuity of its tradition has never been completely interrupted and where there was no growth and progress, at least that what had been once accepted has been kept alive. When enquiring into Plato's influence on the development of learning, we shall above all consider the individual approach of various personalities to Plato's philosophy, personal Platonism, which at its best concerns itself with the literary heritage of Plato and though accessible was not always much sought for.

Plato on Virtue and the Law Nov 21 2021 Ancient philosophy is no longer an isolated discipline. Recent years have seen the development of a dialogue between ancient and contemporary philosophers writing on central issues in moral and political philosophy. The renewed interest in character and virtue as ethical concepts is one such issue, yet Plato's contribution has been largely neglected in contemporary virtue ethics. In *Plato on Virtue and the Law*, Sandrine Berges seeks to address this gap in the literature by exploring the contribution that virtue ethics make to the understanding of laws alongside the interesting and plausible insights into current philosophical concerns evident in Plato's dialogues. The book argues that a distinctive virtue theory of law is clearly presented in Plato's political dialogues. Through a new reading of the Crito, Menexenus, Gorgias, Republic, Statesman and Laws, Berges shows how Plato proposes several ways in which we can understand the law from the perspective of virtue ethics.

Routledge Library Editions: Plato Jan 12 2021 Plato is perhaps the best known and most widely studied of all the ancient Greek philosophers. A pupil of Socrates and teacher of Aristotle, his ideas have inspired and influenced scholars of nearly every era. His famous series of dialogues have become a standard part of the western philosophical canon – from the Euthyphro and Gorgias of his early period, the Republic, Phaedrus and Symposium of his middle period, to the Theaetetus and Laws of his late period. The Routledge Library Edition makes available in a single set an outstanding range of scholarship devoted to Plato's philosophical work. Routledge Library Editions: Plato makes available in a single set an outstanding range of scholarship devoted to Plato's philosophical work. The 21 volumes provide detailed analysis of his writings and philosophical ideas. From the classic works of Francis Cornford, G. C. Field and A.E. Taylor to more recent approaches and interpretations, this set provides libraries and scholars with a century of outstanding scholarship on this key philosopher.

Tragic Pleasure from Homer to Plato Apr 02 2020 This book uses Greek poetry and Plato's philosophy to explain the appeal of tragedy and explore the non-cognitive value of aesthetic engagement.

The School Choice Roadmap Nov 29 2019 WINNER OF THE 2020 FOREWORD INDIES GOLD AWARD IN EDUCATION WINNER OF THE SILVER IPPY AWARD FOR BEST EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES You want your children to benefit from a great education. But every student is unique. One type of school might be a great fit for your neighbor's child, but it might not work for your son or daughter. Across the country, many parents today have more choices for their children's education than ever before. If you are starting the process of finding your child's first school—or if you want to choose a new learning environment—The School Choice Roadmap is for you. This first-of-its-kind book offers a practical, jargon-free overview of school choice policies, from public school open enrollment to private school scholarships and more. It breaks down the similarities and differences between traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, online public schools, private schools, and homeschooling. Most importantly, The School Choice Roadmap offers a seven-step process that will help you harness the power of your own intuition—and your own expertise about your child's uniqueness—to help you find a school that reflects your family's goals, values, and priorities. Filled with sage advice from dozens of other parents who have pursued the school search process, and interviews with school leaders and teachers, The School Choice Roadmap is an optimistic, empowering book that cuts through the confusion in K-12 education—so that you can give your children every opportunity to succeed in school and in life.

The Bloomsbury Companion to Plato Jul 30 2022 Plato, mathematician, philosopher and founder of the Academy in Athens, is, together with his teacher, Socrates, and his student, Aristotle, universally considered to have laid the foundations of Western philosophy. The Bloomsbury Companion to Plato provides a comprehensive and accessible study guide to Plato's thought. Written by a team of leading experts in the field of ancient philosophy, this companion covers five major areas; - Plato's life and his historical, philosophical and literary context - synopses of all the dialogues attributed to Plato - the most important features of the dialogues - the key themes and topics apparent in the dialogues - Plato's enduring influence and the various interpretative approaches applied to his thought throughout the history of philosophy Covering every aspect of Plato's thought in over 140 entries, The Bloomsbury Companion to Plato is an engaging introduction to Plato and an essential resource for anyone working in the field of ancient philosophy.

Plato's Statesman Dec 03 2022 A rich and provocative analysis of Plato's dialogue, The Statesman.

Gadamer's Path to Plato Jan 30 2020 Gadamer's Path to Plato investigates the formative years of Hans-Georg Gadamer's Plato studies, while studying with Martin Heidegger at Marburg University. It outlines the evolution of Heidegger's understanding of Plato, explains why his hermeneutics and phenomenological method inspired Gadamer, and why Heidegger's argument, that Plato was responsible for Western civilization's forgetting the meaning of existence, provoked him. Heidegger's provocation was crucial to the development of Gadamer's understanding of Plato. This book thus puts forward an argument for Gadamer's having indirectly refuted Heidegger's Plato. This involves a dialogical relationship to the past and a re-examination of the relation of Plato to Aristotle in matters of ethics, physics, and truth. Above all, however, it is Gadamer's concept of Platonic dialectic that refutes Heidegger. This challenge to Heidegger's Plato was commensurate with the origination of Gadamer's positive hermeneutical philosophy. In order to test the alleged openness of that philosophy to the other as other Gadamer's reading of the Republic is scrutinized by using the brilliant scholarship of Stanley Rosen. An examination of their interpretations of the Republic includes an inquiry into their intellectual influences. For Gadamer these include Hegel, the Tübingen school and Jacob Klein; for Rosen, the poetic genius of Leo Strauss. Rosen's mathematical and poetic orientation is then compared to Gadamer's dialectical orientation to Plato. The mathematical approach dovetails with a theory of human nature and procedural rationalism in Gadamer's hermeneutical philosophy that explains why he, in contrast to Rosen, bypasses important dimensions of the Republic such as the significance of particular characters and settings to understanding the whole. In turn, this methodological shortcoming calls into question the truth of Gadamer's method and, with it, the foundations of a truly open and pluralist society.

Plato's Pond - Us Edition Dec 31 2019 The Story What begins as an attempt to catch a stray dog quickly turns into an adventure of a lifetime for Watson, Crick and Rosa. The clever canine tricks them into entering a forgotten gateway that leads to the land of Gaia. There, they discover a wondrous world filled with majestic griffins, squabbling shell-less turtles, giant carnivorous plants and mischievous long-nosed snodlops. The three teenagers soon discover that they were summoned there to solve a crime - a crime that if they don't solve, will leave them stranded on Gaia forever. Time is critical, and they're running out of it! Conduct Science Experiments and Solve a Crime! Readers will have fun solving the crime by conducting safe, simple, science experiments, using common everyday objects. The characters in the book make science easy by describing, in detail, how to perform the experiments as well as the scientific concepts behind them. Once the reader has completed all the experiments, he or she will have enough evidence to know who-did-it. Instructions for five forensic science experiments are included in the book. Readers can also share their results online by visiting www.PlatosPond.com. The Author Fred Andrews has been creating science mysteries for television and the Internet for over 10 years. He won a New England Emmy Award for Mission Mars and was nominated for three Emmy Awards for Zoo Sleuth. Plato's Pond is his most provocative work to date, a science mystery that is written for the web-savvy youth of today. It combines the excitement of a fantasy novel with real-world science and the Internet. For ages: 9 and up Also available in British English: ISBN 9789076542324

The Realm of Mimesis in Plato Oct 21 2021 Orality versus writing is a vexed issue in Plato, but is it necessarily an opposition? This book places Plato's work in the realm of mimesis and argues that we do not necessarily have to see this issue as demonstrating a straightforward opposition.

The Encyclopedia of Philosophy Jun 28 2022 The first English-language reference of its kind, The Encyclopedia of Philosophy was hailed as 'a remarkable and unique work' (Saturday Review) that contained 'the international who's who of philosophy and cultural history' (Library Journal).

Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages Feb 10 2021 This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages, PADL 2011, held in Austin, TX, USA, in January 2011, co-located with POPL 2011, the Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages. The 17 revised full papers presented together with one application paper were carefully reviewed and selected from 40 submissions. The volume features a variety of contributions ranging from message-passing and mobile networks, concurrent and parallel programming, event processing and reactive programming, profiling and portability in Prolog, constraint programming, grammar combinators, belief set merging and work on new language extensions and tools.

The Continuum Companion to Plato Oct 01 2022 This comprehensive reference guide includes over 140 entries on every aspect of Plato's thought.

Plato's Republic Sep 07 2020 In this book a distinguished philosopher offers a comprehensive interpretation of Plato's most controversial dialogue. Treating the Republic as a unity and focusing on the dramatic form as the presentation of the argument, Stanley Rosen challenges earlier analyses of the Republic (including the ironic reading of Leo Strauss and his disciples) and argues that the key to understanding the dialogue is to grasp the author's intention in composing it, in particular whether Plato believed that the city constructed in the Republic is possible and desirable. Rosen demonstrates that the fundamental principles underlying the just city are theoretically attractive but that the attempt to enact them in practice leads to conceptual incoherence and political disaster. The Republic, says Rosen, is a vivid illustration of the irreconcilability of philosophy and political practice.

Plato the Teacher Nov 02 2022 The pedagogical technique of the playful Plato, especially his ability to create living discourses that directly address the student, is the subject of Plato the Teacher. "The crisis of the Republic" refers to the decisive moment in his central dialogue when philosopher-readers realize that Plato's is challenging them to choose justice by going back down into the dangerous Cave of political life for the sake of the greater Good, as both Socrates and Cicero did.

According to Plato Sep 27 2019 Reproduction of the original: According to Plato by Frank Frankfort Moore

Anti-Mimesis from Plato to Hitchcock Jul 18 2021 The material elements of writing have long been undervalued, and have been dismissed by recent historicising trends of criticism; but analysis of these elements - sound, signature, letters - can transform our understanding of literary texts. In this 1994 book Tom Cohen shows how, in an era of representational criticism and cultural studies, the role of close reading has been overlooked. Arguing that much recent criticism has been caught in potentially regressive models of representation, Professor Cohen undertakes to counter this by rethinking the 'materiality' of the text itself. Through a series of revealing new readings of the work of writers including Plato, Bakhtin, Poe, Whitman and Conrad, Professor Cohen exposes the limitations of new historicism and neo-pragmatism, and demonstrates how 'the materiality of language' operates to undo the representational models of meaning imposed by the literary canon.

Plato and Platonism Sep 19 2021 In this volume, a distinguished group of philosophers aims to offer fresh insight into Platonic studies. Combining research with analysis, the authors present 14 essays on various dimensions of Plato's thought. Most of Plato's dialogues are examined, from such Socratic texts as Protagoras, Euthyphro and Crito to the allegedly late Sophist, Statesman and Laws. Several essays explore specific philosophical problems raised in a single Platonic dialogue. Some offer in-depth analysis of one dialogue - for instance, the volume includes two very different but highly provocative essays on Timaeus. Others pursue a topic or theme that runs throughout a number of dialogues, and others speak about the Platonic heritage and the thought of ancient philosophers who regarded themselves as faithfully preserving and transmitting the doctrines of their master. The major subject divisions of philosophy are covered, with considerable attention being paid to issues of Platonist methodology.

Names and Nature in Plato's Cratylus Apr 14 2021 This study offers a comprehensive new interpretation of one of Plato's dialogues, the Cratylus. Throughout, the book combines analysis of Plato's arguments with attentiveness to his philosophical method.

Russia's Plato Jun 04 2020 This title was first published in 2000. This work identifies the differences between the Russian intellectual approach to reading Plato and that of other European countries. This study offers a complex perspective on Russian philosophical learnings up to 1930. The book contains five chapters with the first aiming to provide the general institutional context in which Russian 19th century Plato scholarship developed, caught as it were, between the rise of the historical sciences and the heavy hand of state interference in standardizing the educational system in the name of nation building and modernization. The second chapter attempts to illustrate how Plato served as a reference in Russian philosophical culture and the third deals with aspects of Russian philosophy of law. In the fourth chapter, the author shifts his approach to compare and contrast a number of reactions to a single dialogue, the Republic and in the final concluding chapter, addresses the question of whether it is legitimate to speak of a Russian Platonism.

Who Speaks for Plato? Jul 06 2020 In this international and interdisciplinary collection of critical essays, distinguished contributors examine a crucial premise of traditional readings of Plato's dialogues: that Plato's own doctrines and arguments can be read off the statements made in the dialogues by Socrates and other leading characters. The authors argue in general and with reference to specific dialogues, that no character should be taken to be Plato's mouthpiece. This is essential reading for students and scholars of Plato. Visit our website for sample chapters!

Plato Within Your Grasp Mar 26 2022 Philosophy's greatest luminaries brought down to earth. Plato Within Your Grasp offers fast, easy access to the life and works of the acknowledged father of Western philosophy. In fewer than 100 pages, you'll get all the essentials in everyday language. A short biographical sketch sets the scene, followed by chapters illuminating Plato's overall philosophy and his most important writings. For students and lifelong learners seeking an entry point into this astonishingly diverse thinker's ideas, Plato Within Your Grasp is the springboard to enriched understanding. Inside you'll find all the vital details, including: Life * Family and upbringing * Influence of Socrates * Athenian culture and society Philosophy * Overview of key works, themes, and impact * Socratic, mature, and late periods * Individual chapters on Apology and Meno * Book-by-book explanation of The Republic Additional Resources * Tracking down Plato's major works * Collections, biographies, and critical writings * Plato on the Internet Get a grip-Plato is within your grasp!

Higher Education in Liquid Modernity May 04 2020 Based in sociologist Zygmunt Bauman's theory of liquid modernity, this volume describes and critiques key aspects and practices of liquid education--education as market-driven consumption, short life span of useful knowledge, overabundance of information--through a systematic comparison with ancient Greek paideia and medieval university education, producing a sweeping analysis of the history and philosophy of education for the purpose of understanding current higher education, positing a more holistic alternative model in which students are embedded in a learning community that is itself embedded in a larger society. If liquid modernity has left a vacuum where, according to Bauman, the pilot's cabin is empty, this volume argues that no structure is better positioned to fill this vacuum than the university and outlines a renewed vision of social transformation through higher education.

Ethics in a Computing Culture Oct 09 2020 ETHICS IN A COMPUTING CULTURE introduces key ideas in moral theory and professionalism to explore the hottest topics in computer ethics. With a unique blend of theory, application, and critical thinking exercises, each chapter underscores the interdisciplinary links between computing and diverse areas of study. Abundant multicultural cases are presented throughout to highlight contrasts and conflicts in ethical perspectives across the globe. ETHICS IN A COMPUTING CULTURE encourages students to continually read, reflect and write to hone sharp critical thinking skills. Students learn that that computing is not a purely technical discipline but one with moral and social implications that affect everyday life. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Web 2.0 for Schools Jan 04 2023 In the last five years, Web 2.0 applications - vast virtual worlds, multiplayer online games, social networking, and file sharing among them - have inspired new notions of what it might mean to be literate in the twenty-first century. While previous scholarship on Web 2.0 has focused on its social and recreational uses, this book explores its ability to enrich and transform the educational experience of children and young people. It discusses the opportunities and risks presented by this large-scale shift in popular engagement with new media, and uses illustrative vignettes to document the work of innovative educators who construct new ways of thinking and being around Web 2.0.

Plato's Philosophy Reaching Beyond the Limits of Reason Apr 26 2022 Platon zählt zu den einflussreichsten Philosophen aller Zeiten. Er beeinflusste maßgeblich Profil und Kanon der westlichen Philosophie. Die Kritik am sogenannten Platonismus wurde kontinuierlich von den Schwierigkeiten gespeist, die die Interpretation der philosophischen Schriften Platons bereitet. Gemeinhin wird er als rein rationaler Philosoph gesehen. Ein Philosoph war er in der Tat, ebenso jedoch ein Experte in der Annäherung an das Nicht-Rationale, unter anderem in Form von Mythen. So wurde er auch als "Mythenerfinder" und "Mythologe" bezeichnet. Platon war ein Visionär, der es wagte, das Reich des Nicht-Rationalen auf systematische und disziplinierte Art zu erforschen. Insgesamt lässt sich Platons philosophisches Vorhaben als Streben nach einer umfassenden Sicht des organischen Ganzen klassifizieren. Der Ausdruck „Gestalt“ scheint die Ganzheit am ehesten zu beschreiben. Platon kann als prominentester und auch als letzter Repräsentant der antiken Philosophie angesehen werden, der die Entwicklung einer Gestalt-Philosophie anstrebte. Plato is one of the most influential philosophers of all time. He decisively shaped the profile and canon of western philosophy. Criticism of what has become known as Platonism has been continuously nourished by the difficulties of interpreting this philosopher's writings. Plato is commonly viewed as a purely rational philosopher. A philosopher he was indeed, but Plato was also an expert in approaching the non-rational, in the form of mythology among others. Plato has been called a "mythmaker" and a "mythologist". Plato was a visionary who dared to explore the realm of the non-rational in a systematic and disciplined way. In an overall comparison, Plato's philosophical enterprise strives for a comprehensive perspective on the organic whole. The expression "Gestalt" seems to come closest to describing the wholeness. Plato may be considered to be the most prominent representative of classical philosophy to develop a Gestalt philosophy and also the last to do so in antiquity.

America at the Brink of Empire Nov 09 2020 Addressing issues of continuing if not heightened relevance to contemporary debate, *America at the Brink of Empire* explores the foreign policy leadership of Dean Rusk and Henry Kissinger regarding the extent of the United States' mission to insure a stable world order. Lawrence W. Serewicz argues that in the Vietnam conflict the United States experienced an identity crisis—a near Machiavellian moment, to use the concept of J. G. A. Pocock—whereby America came close to assuming an imperial role, stretching the country to the limits of its identity as a republic. Serewicz offers a revealing look at the parts played by Rusk and Kissinger—and President Lyndon Johnson—in bringing the nation to the brink of empire in the years 1963-75. As a true believer in liberal internationalism, Rusk set the stage by defining the war in Vietnam as a threat to the world order based on the United Nations security system created after World War II. Johnson kept an open-ended commitment in Vietnam without a clear goal in sight even as he pursued the ambitious domestic reforms of the Great Society. In refusing to choose between either an imperial mission or a true republican position for the nation, he brought it perilously close to becoming an empire, ultimately failing to achieve his goals either at home or abroad. Kissinger corrected for Johnson's overreach, implementing a pragmatic realism based upon the principle that the United States is an ordinary country—a republic, not an empire—within the international community and therefore must balance its commitments with its resources. In concluding, Serewicz reflects on the continuing relevance of the Machiavellian moment for the United States by observing the differences and similarities between the presidencies of Johnson and George W. Bush. *America at the Brink of Empire* illuminates the far-reaching consequences of Rusk's and Kissinger's widely divergent foreign policy philosophies and outlines the tension that a statesman must reconcile between a republican government and the maintenance of a stable world order.

Plato and the Power of Images Dec 11 2020 *Plato and the Power of Images* addresses ways Plato has used images and the ways to understand their status as images, particularly how an image resembles what it represents and how to avoid mistaking that image for what it represents.

Rethinking Plato Jun 16 2021 No new book on Plato can surprise Plato scholars. For there is nothing new under the sun, nor inside the cave. We have grown complacent in our preconceptions of Plato, habitually adopting the web of belief that comes with the canonical corpus. Yet it is not the web itself that stands in the way of progress, but the tendency to adopt it without question. *Rethinking Plato* is, as the subtitle suggests, a Cartesian quest for the real Plato. What makes it Cartesian is that it looks for Plato independently of the prevailing paradigms on where we are supposed to find him. The result of the quest is a complete pedagogical platform on Plato. This does not mean that the book leaves nothing out, covering all the dialogues and all the themes, but that it provides the full intellectual apparatus for doing just that. It consists of two parts. The first is a general orientation in three chapters, one each pertaining to the life, thought, and works of Plato. The second is a dialogic companion covering the four dialogues built around the last days of Socrates, with a separate chapter devoted to each: *Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito*, and *Phaedo*.

Plato Aug 31 2022 This introduction to Plato focuses on the philosophy and argument of his writings, drawing the reader into Plato's way of doing philosophy, and the general themes of his thinking. It includes a brief account of Plato's life.