

• Question: Plato's concept of justice.

⇒ Introduction

Plato, one of the prominent and renowned western political philosopher has laid significant contributions in the field of political philosophy. Plato's concept of justice, ^{in his book "Republic"} is driven from three dimensions, i.e., tripartite concept of soul, educational scheme, and theory of communism.

Under the idea of justice, there are three classes in society, to wit, artisans, influenced by desire; military, motivated by spirit; and rulers, driven by wisdom. Similarly, the domination of one specific trait in individuals leads to the "functional specialization".

This predominantly is the idea of justice expounded by Plato. Moreover, the educational scheme aids in identifying the specific trait with the help of two phases, such as elementary and higher education. It is this educational scheme that produces "philosopher-kings" or "the ruler". Furthermore, the idea of communism is a means to limit

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auxiliaries and rulers in personal arena. Hence, justice as perceived from Plato's concept stems from the belief of 'principle of non-interference,' and maintenance of stability and harmony in state.

