

\_Phil.\_ This point of view reminds me seriously of the mysteries of the ancients which you have already mentioned; their aim at bottom seems to have lain in remedying the evil arising out of the differences of mental capacities and education. Their plan was to single out of the great multitude a few people, to whom the unveiled truth was absolutely incomprehensible, and to reveal the truth to them up to a certain point; then out of these they singled out others to whom they revealed more, as they were able to grasp more; and so on up to the Epopts. And so we got ?????, ??? ???????, ??? ??????? ????????. The plan was based on a correct knowledge of the intellectual inequality of mankind.

\_Demop\_. To a certain extent the education in our lower, middle, and high schools represents the different forms of initiation into the mysteries.

\_Phil\_. Only in a very approximate way, and this only in so far as subjects of higher knowledge were written about exclusively in Latin. But since that has ceased to be so all the mysteries are profaned.