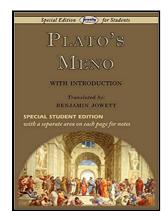
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The Historical Controversies Surrounding Innateness (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

Leibniz, like Plato, saw the innateness issue as being the most important point of disagreement between himself and Locke, and perhaps as the central issue in philosophy. A good definition of a concept should identify this common core or essence.

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Framed by all this uncertainty, however, is the episode with the enslaved boy where Socrates asserts the doctrine of reincarnation and demonstrates the existence of innate knowledge.

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But since others may sometimes not follow his arguments, Plato is ready to provide whatever it takes—an image, a simile, or a myth—that will help them grasp what the argument failed to tell them. It can also be too easily abused as a tool of intellectual authoritarianism, because those who are not up to the task of uncovering these rarified innate truths must take their lead from those who are. In that vein, he tested the minds of politicians, poets, and scholars, for wisdom, although he occasionally found genius, Socrates says that he found no one who possessed wisdom, yet, each man was thought wise by the people, and each man thought himself wise; therefore, he thought he was the better man, because he was aware that he was not wise.

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The standard alternative is to say that the problem lies in the cosmologist, not in the object of his cosmology. Socrates certainly seems to ask the boy leading questions. We learn about the world only from our perceptual encounter with it; nothing is revealed to us beforehand.

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Nativism now seems an attractive answer.

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The myth blurs the boundary between this world and the other. Although offered the opportunity to appease the prejudices of the jury, with a minimal concession to the charges of and , Socrates does not yield his to avoid the. In principle, acquired changes could play this role.

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Socrates' response: Given the meaning of arete, Meno's answer is quite understandable. Nativism is a supporting element in these larger Rationalist philosophies.

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