

Plato's Apology
An outline of the argument

- I) Introduction dialogue

- II) Socrates' accusers
 - A) Old
 - B) New

- III) Origin of accusations
 - A) His wisdom
 - i. God of Delphi
 - ii. Test with the politicians
 - iii. Test with the poets
 - iv. Test with the artisans
 - B) Young men of richer class
 - C) Meletus

- IV) The Questioning of Meletus
 - A) Improvement of youth
 - i. Sequential questions
 - ii. Horse analogy
 - B) Living among good people
 - C) Belief in the State gods
 - i. Questioning
 - ii. Comparisons for proof

- V) Ashamed
 - A) Heroes
 - B) State laws vs. laws of the gods

- VI) "If you kill me"
 - A) The nature of things
 - B) Gadfly and the horse

- VII) Private advice vs. State advice
- A) The gods
 - B) Senator: the tribe Antiochis

- VIII) Conclusion
- A) People he knows
 - B) Justice
 - C) Ending words