Birth of Communism

The Republic

Books 5-10

1. Three Waves
   1. Gender Equality
      1. Accidental Quality- long hair vs. baldness/ short vs tall/ gender.
      2. Essential qualities- have to do with fundamental nature- ability to learn, awareness, souls.
      3. Women
   2. Family Communism
      1. Family units are rivals to the state.
      2. Marriage will be sacred.
      3. There will be wedding festivals that give the appearance of randomness- the goal is that the best marry the best, and the worst with the worst.
      4. Deformed or sickly children will be hidden away.
   3. The Philosopher King
      1. Philosophers should be kings
      2. Democracy is not rule by knowledge, but by opinion.
      3. Philosopher= lover of knowledge; lover of wisdom
   4. And more Philosiphying
      1. Philosopher= lover of wisdom, passion
      2. Most people only love particular (paintings, songs, food)
      3. Philosophers love universals.
      4. That which participates in something is not the thing itself. That which participates in beauty is not beauty itself.
      5. Universal: beauty
      6. Particular: Sunset, painting, food, butterfly
2. Universals vs. Particulars
   1. U- one, P- many
   2. U- essence, the thing itself; P- accidental
   3. U- perfect, P- imperfect
   4. U- eternal, P- fleeting
   5. U- Good, P- less good
      1. The wrong way to live is to think the particulars are the thing itself.
      2. Forms are ontologically and epistemologically superior to particulars.
         1. Ontology- the study of being
      3. To say something is beautiful assumes the existence of something called beauty.
      4. Epistemology- in order to cal something beautiful, we have to reference our knowledge of beauty first.
      5. We need to rub;e ourselves with universals, or forms, rather than the particulars of something.
      6. True knowledge has to do with the pursuit of forms- the universals
      7. If the knowledge of something is constantly changing, it isn’t true knowledge. The forms are eternal”- Socrates
      8. More concerned with stuff that doesn’t change, than with things that do change.
3. The Metaphor of a Ship
   1. A ship is similar to a country
   2. The president helps turns the ship with a very small rudder, there are revolts, waves, crisis, philosopher seems to be useless throughout the city. Its good for your education, and then all you sis sit around a talk to the city. They are the best people to rule the state, but no one will ver elect them.
   3. Imagine there is a large ship and the owner dies. You have all these sailors without a captain/ pilot. They have no one to steer this ship. They will fight amongst themselves for control of the ship. They can kill each other, persuasion, create factions or conflict, blackmailing, manipulation, bribery
   4. The sailors do not have knowledge of sailing the ship. They can only do odd jobs. The thing that they are doing is the thing they know the least about. While the sailors are fighting on the ground, the philosopher is the one looking at the stars, learning how to navigate. The stars are a form of absolutes. If the ship does not have a strong leader/ rudder, they will go the wrong way.
4. Mere Stupidity
   1. Unintelligible World
      1. Universals
      2. Forms
      3. “The Good” gives value to everything
   2. Intelligible World
      1. Particulars
      2. reflect the forms, but weren’t the forms themselves
5. Cavē!
   1. The cave contains Plato’s views on forms, education, and the role of the philosopher
   2. Everything you thought was real and true was a lie.
   3. Getting up and turning around is revealing
   4. everything you thought was real, was true, was a lie
   5. He won’t want to go back inside the cave
   6. He doesn’t want to go back to the lies
   7. The sun- representation of the Good
   8. The philosopher will go back into the cave and tell others to wake them up to the life. He is the philosopher king who will never rule.
   9. A pattern in history- those who stand up for truth are taken down. The philosopher king that is so needed, but they will never find themselves in the position to lead the multitudes out of the cave
   10. Interpretations- Educational- you have the power to educate ourself. Education is a matter of turning around. Education is getting up and turning around. It is saying oh I'm hearing what your saying and i too will get up turn around and see the greater being me. Can a teacher force a student to turn around?
6. The Ultimate Philosopher King
   1. Jesus.
   2. He attempted to speak out and ‘died’. No one wanted to turn around. He asked his disciples to come with him to the sunlight. All of his disciple died for a cause that they believed was right. They could not turn back to the darkness
   3. He is unique- doesn’t want to rule
   4. most fit to rule- knowledge of the good
   5. pity, responsibility that drives him back down.
   6. The best rulers are the most reluctant to rule.
7. Mistaken Regimes
   1. Ideal City- Aristocracy- will fail
      1. Ariste- excellents, excellence
      2. Craté- rule
      3. Falls because factions will arise, the metals will blend
   2. Timocracy
      1. Rule by those with the most honor- 1 overs of history and timh’
      2. good if the ruler cares about honor truly
      3. War loving regime
      4. Education strictly gymnastic, Spirit, not reason, rules
      5. Love of money will take over under the cover of darkness
      6. Loves money discreetly, unmuical, stubborn, spiritual, lovers of gymnastics and hunting
   3. Oligarchy
      1. Rule of the rich fear, the poor have no part in holding office.
      2. 2 Cities feares- rich and poor
      3. Militarily weak unwilling to spend money on armies and afraid to arm the poor, There is a disconnect
      4. Poor is filled with necessary desires
      5. Stingy, then finds division within himself/ obsessed with money- yet it doesn't satisfy
   4. Democracy
      1. Poor rebel against the rich, Set up leaders from the revolutionaries
      2. Full of freedom and free speech. Freedom is ultimate, Privacy is emphasized
      3. No compulsion to rule, no compulsion to do anything- do what you desire
      4. Equality for all
      5. Formless regime, no concept of the good
      6. Lover of money, doesn't invest in education/ Ruled by desire (Wild at Heart)
      7. YOLOOOOOOO
      8. Confuse vice with virtue/ Aimless, whimsical
      9. Too much freedom becomes too much slavery
      10. Democracy is the most beautiful regime, it is the most perfect we could actually get.
      11. Only type of government in which philosophy can be practiced
   5. Tyranny