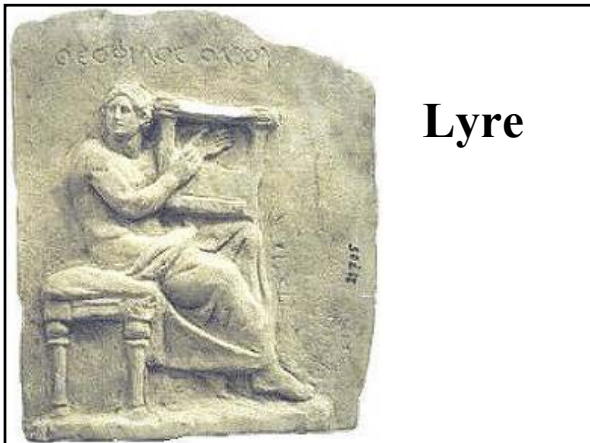




The Death of Socrates

Objections to Arguments for Immortality

- Socrates encourages objections (84c, 91c).
- Simmias (85e-86c):
 - Analogy: Soul's relationship to the body is like a strummed chord's relationship to a lyre.



Lyre

Objections to Arguments for Immortality

- Simmias (85e-86c):
 - Harmonious chord : physical lyre :: soul : body.
 - Chord is destroyed when lyre is destroyed.
 - ∴ Soul is destroyed when body is destroyed.

Kinds of Arguments

- **Deductive arguments:** aim for certainty.
 - If premisses are true, conclusion *must* be true.
- **Inductive arguments:** aim for probability.
 - If the premisses are true, the conclusion is *likely* to be true.
- Arguments by analogy are inductive.
- Are the things being compared analogous in *relevant* respects?

Objections to Arguments for Immortality

- Cebes (87a-88b):
 - Analogy: A person's relationship to his outfits over time is like a soul's relationship to its bodies over time.

Objections to Arguments for Immortality

- Cebes (87a-88b):
 - Cloak : Weaver :: Body : Soul
 - Weaver wears out and outlasts many cloaks but eventually dies.

- ∴ Soul may outlast many bodies yet also eventually dies too. (This body may be its last.)

Emotional Crisis

- Can we trust reason (88c)?
- Socrates' sensitivity (89a).
- Danger of “misology” (89d-90e).
 - *Logos*: reason, discourse
- Socrates warns he may not have a “philosophical attitude” just now (91a)!

Socrates' Replies

- Reply to Simmias:
 - Simmias' analogy is inconsistent with the Doctrine of Recollection.
 - Simmias accepts Doctrine of Recollection.
 - ∴ Simmias' must reject his analogy.

Socrates' Replies

- Another reply to Simmias:
 - Soul influences body.
 - Chord does not influence lyre.
 - ∴ Simmias' analogy must be rejected.

Socrates' Replies

- Reply to Cebes:
- Essential Properties: part of the essence of a thing (part of the thing's Form)—if it didn't have that property, it wouldn't be that (kind of) thing.
- Accidental Properties: properties that aren't essential—if it didn't have that property, it would still be that (kind of) thing.



Who am I?

What are my essential properties?
What are my accidental properties?

Properties of a Person

- Essential:
- Species?
- Race/Ethnicity?
- DNA/Parents?
- Gender?
- Capacity to think?
- Memories?
- Accidental:
- Height
- Weight
- Hair color/length
- Name
- Interests?
- Values?